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STARTLED RESIDENT ASKS: 'WHAT MESSAGE IS THE WELSH GOVERNMENT TRYING TO CONVEY?'

ROUTE OF PROPOSED NORTHERN ACCESS ROAD IS 'FLAGGED UP'

The flags designate the proposed route of the Northern Access Road.

by TIM CHAPMAN
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FLAGS have appeared on fields in Llanmaes, marking out the route of the proposed Northern Access Road.

The black and white design brought a wry observation from one local resident.

Helen Emerson told The GEM: "I must admit that I was startled to see several flags pitched across the fields between Llanmaes and Eglwys Brewis.

"My initial concern was that we had become an ISIS stronghold.

"After further investigation, it appears that consultants for the Welsh Government have erected these flags to mark out the route for the proposed Northern Access Road.

"I understand there is a serious local objection to this road, but what message are WAG trying to convey by using this 'interesting' choice of insignia?"

The access road is a Welsh Government project, which has been recommended for approval by Vale Council officers and will be heard before the planning committee this Thursday (September 7) at 4pm.

It proposes a route from the main road (B4265) across fields to St Athan Business Park.

There are likely to be objectors travelling to the planning meeting from Llanmaes and Llantwit Major.

Representatives of Llanmaes Community Council, Llantwit Major Town Council, St Athan Community Council and a number of local residents, want to be able to speak.

On the appearance of the flags, Llantwit Vale councillor Gwyn John commented: "So they are already marking out the fields for the access road. Is it all cut and dried?"

Coun John will be speaking in opposition to the new road at the planning meeting and said he would be emphasising that he believes it is "an unnecessary project".

"If there were 20 firms moving into the business park, with 5,000 people being employed, it would be more understandable – but that is not the case."

Coun John said the Eglwys Brewis road was more than sufficient to service Aston Martin at the business park.

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Cowbridge choir mourns loss of its musical director

FOLLOWING a long battle, Shelley Thomas Brown, musical director of Cowbridge Male Voice Choir, passed away peacefully in the early hours of Thursday, August 31.

Shelley graduated with honours in music at University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, in 1980.

She had been the popular and highly-respected musical director of the choir since 1984. and was a prolific arranger of music, which to this day forms a major part of its repertoire.

Cowbridge Male Voice Choir was a major part of her life and her efforts and determination raised it to its high standards and the widespread regard in which the choir is held today.

She will be sorely missed by the choir and all who knew her.

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'Foodbank support is vital to meet a rising need in the Vale'

Report by Tim Chapman

THE Vale has seen an increase in people who get support from local foodbank distribution centres.

Since January, the Vale Foodbank has provided almost 2,000 emergency parcels, many to children under 16.

Under the headline 'Austerity Bites', its September newsletter reveals: "Here in the Vale we have experienced an increase in the number of people needing support and a small decrease in donations.

"Since January, we have provided 1,922 three-day emergency food parcels, of which 685 were for children under 16.

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Visitor's praise for Barry's museum

MY dad and I visited the War Museum in Barry on August 25. We were visiting by coach, travelling from Birmingham,

I did some research online of things to do, the war museum was on the list, I emailed the general enquiry to see if they would be open (as the website stated it was open on ly on Wednesdays and every second Sunday of the month).

I received a reply, apologising that it wasn't. The following day, I received another email from Glenn Booker, a lovely gentleman informing me that they would open the museum for me and my dad!

The communication between me and Glenn resulted in my dad, and myself spending a wonderful two hours in the museum, despite it being so small, we didn't even realise where the time had gone.

The volunteers, Alun, Jackie, Glenn and there were another two, whose names I have forgotten, were truly amazing in their dedication to the museum.

My dad is a huge student of the war and he found out lots of interesting facts that he didn't know; we held objects from World War One which was amazing.

I really do think these people deserve some recognition for what they do. They made our visit to Barry Island unforgettable due to their kindness, information and knowledge of history of the Island.

We will definitely be visiting your beautiful island again, possibly bringing more people with us, and, of course, we will be paying a visit to the war museum and the most amazing people I have met to date!

Rebecca Worton, Birmingham.

Nocturnal smells on the night air

I CANNOT be the only one who can smell the awful stench at night coming from the dock direction; this cannot be healthy for the surrounding residents – among whom I include myself.

I assume it's coming from Dow Corning, but I cannot be sure. I live about half a mile away. The sound of some form of generator is very loud and constant – continuing up to 2am when it stops – and also the stench disappears at the same time,

I have lived here for nearly 20 years and have never experienced this nuisance before.

I have contacted the environmental department and reported this. I don't know if they are firing up the new incinerator at night.

But all I can advise is, keep your windows shut at night until this problem is solved.

Dave Lee Jones, Barry.

See more letters on page 28.

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'Endemic mismanagement that impoverished Britain'

J FLETCHER, in his letter of August 31, announces his advanced age as if it is meant to import a sense of gravitas to his arguments when favouring Brexit.

He refers to my previous letter of August 17, where I chose deliberately to avoid using this ingratiating ploy.

However, the very nature of his arguments has put this in issue and has made it relevant for me to announce my age of 81 years – merely to point out that by his reckoning, I can also share in his "long personal memory of modern history."

He is, of course, entitled to his views of such history but I can only conjecture that we must have been living in different countries at this time. By reading our competing letters, I will leave it to the reader to judge who is expounding the dinosauric viewpoint.

I regard myself as a loyal citizen, having done compulsory military service without complaint. Despite this loyalty, however, I have never been seduced by any of the romantic ideas and memories of a wonderful Britain that J Fletcher has a tendency to portray in his arguments.

My memories are of widespread, extreme poverty and deprivation amongst its ordinary citizens – an austere existence brought about by an unrelenting mismanagement of this country. He seems to encapsulate in his letter all that is disturbing and worrying in the Brexiters' thinking.

He extols the virtues and size of the British Empire.

Can I remind him that we trespassed and colonised these respective countries, so that we could subjugate their peoples for the purpose of exploiting their manpower and natural wealth resources – for the sole benefit of the trading magnates of this country?

There have certainly been no long-term benefits deriving to the ordinary citizens of Britain from this Empire.

So, as a right minded human being, I simply cannot countenance sharing in his pride when he says: "We created and governed the largest Empire the world had known."

The irrational anger constantly expressed by way of insult (eg "Remoaners") to those who dare to have an opposing view of Brexit is clearly disturbing.

Perhaps, I can better illustrate the humbug that is manifest in this type of thinking, when I remind the reader what the Brexiter's chief activist and champion, Nigel Farage, is on record as saying.

He told the Daily Mirror on May 16, 38 days before the Referendum, that: "In a 52-48 Referendum in favour of Remain, this would be unfinished business by a long way."

The BBC also quoted him as saying: "There could be an unstoppable demand for a re-run of the EU Referendum if Remain wins by a narrow margin".

He further declared that: "Win or lose this battle, we will win this war."

How do the Brexiters reconcile this with their insulting 'Remoaners' term of derision?

They can hardly deny their opponents the same democratic right that they claim for themselves.

J Fletcher is keen on accuracy. He claims that 'post-war 1945 Britain was a bankrupt nation, flat broke on our own'. This is not exactly true.

Britain, like other European countries affected by the war years, was 'close' to bankruptcy but not on her own and without help.

The Marshall Plan came to our aid. Britain pocketed the largest share of any European nation and received one third more than Germany.

While other nations wisely used the funds to make industrial modernisation, Britain freely chose not do so – a clear example of the endemic mismanagement that has persisted throughout Britain's history.

I do have one consolation, albeit a sad one, and that is I am safe in the knowledge that I have made no contribution to the economic misery that is likely to befall my grandchildren's generation in the foreseeable future, as a result of our exiting the EU.

D Williams, Rhoose.

'Gantries are scars on the landscape'

IN response to the letter from Mr Spill in last week's edition, I have just returned from a very enjoyable visit to Didcot Railway Centre to view that icon of steam: *Flying Scotsman*.

While waiting at the station for the train home, I took this picture of gantries to hold "a string of a few wires together".

In my humble opinion, we are very fortunate that these incongruous-looking gantries will not be scarring our countryside any further than Cardiff.

In addition, the amount of journey time saved by electrifying the line is minimal, hence begs the question: "What will you do with the time you've saved?"

Graham Morgan, Llantwit Major.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
07 Thur	07.58	10.0	20.16	10.1
08 Fri	08.34	10.1	20.53	10.2
09 Sat	09.12	10.1	21.29	10.1
10 Sun	09.49	10.0	22.11	9.8
11 Mon	10.28	9.7	22.51	9.6
12 Tues	11.13	9.2	23.41	9.0
13 Wed	11.59	8.6		
14 Thur	00.24	8.4	13.14	8.2

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Cowbridge shops tune up for music festival

COWBRIDGE shoppers cannot have failed to notice the odd violin, cello or guitar on display in shop windows along Cowbridge High Street.

King Fox, Beagles Coffee House, Watts and Morgan and Elephant and Bun are among those who have filled up their window displays with musical instruments, helping with publicity for this year's festival which commences this week.

Opening the festival this Friday, September 8, with virtuosity, energy and charm is world-renowned vocal ensemble The King's Singers performing Lassus, Byrd and Brahms, alongside their famed close-harmony signature pieces.

Over the weekend, the first CMF Chamber Music Seminar welcomes ten exceptional performers from all over Europe to Cowbridge for four performances; two in care homes in Barry and Bridgend, and two in Holy Cross Church.

In various formations, the musicians will perform Mozart, Brahms, Schubert and Dohnanyi, as well as a programme commemorating the 100 years since the Russian Revolution with works by Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky and Shostakovich.

The following Wednesday, The Man Overboard Quintet brings some swing to the intimate setting of the Duke of Wellington pub.

With their hot rhythm section and the unique vocals of Louisa Jones, the group will visit classics such as Billie Holiday, Django Reinhardt and Duke Ellington—plus a few foot-tapping jazz numbers of their own.

The festival runs until September 23. For more information about the rest of the programme, visit: www.cowbridgemusicfestival.co.uk.

Scouts' annual jumble sale

THE annual Cowbridge Scouts jumble sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 16 from 10.30am to 12.30pm. The jumble sale will be held in the Scout hall behind the cattle market, and entrance is 50 pence.

Cowbridge U3A history group's visit to Newport

ON August 24, a total of 32 members and friends of Cowbridge U3A's history group went on a day's outing to Newport.

The coach left the Town Hall at 9.30am, and our first stop was for coffee in the Morgan Room at Tredegar House, where we sampled the famous National Trust shortbread.

We then made our way to the Newport transporter bridge, where building of the bridge commenced in 1902. It was completed and opened in 1906 at a cost of £98,000.

The bridge is one of only eight of its kind remaining in use in the world.

Some 12 members opted to climb the staircase and walk along the top to the other side, returning on the gondola. Other members took the gondola, both ways.

From the bridge, we crossed over to the Waterloo Hotel, a Grade two listed building and former dockers' pub, refurbished ten years ago into a hotel and bistro at the cost of one and a half million pounds, but retaining the décor of long ago.

The landlord informed us that, when the dockers used to finish their shifts, there would be 600 pints of beer and 300 whiskies lined up ready.

Here we enjoyed a hot and cold buffet, laid on by the hotel.

Our last visit was to view the restoration of the 15th century Newport ship. This was discovered in June 2002 on the west bank of the river Usk, during the building of the Riverfront Arts Centre.

Members were split up into three groups, with a guide each, who informed us of the history and on-going restoration work being done, before it was time to return home to Cowbridge.

JM

Defibrillators in Cowbridge

FURTHER to The GEM's general guideline on 'where to find defibrillators in the Vale' (*see page 2*) the list below is the current comprehensive list of those to be found in the Cowbridge area, as supplied by the First Responders.

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Young Ella blooms as star of Llantwit's Flower and Vegetable Show

IT has been a year of mixed weather when frost destroyed many a blossom, rain poured down, followed by hot sun, damp and dry conditions, with seeds not germinating, and pigeons and pests taking their toll.

Yet the gardeners and non-gardeners of Llantwit Major and the Vale produced 248 wonderful exhibits from 35 exhibitors at the local horticultural society's annual flower and vegetable show.

There was an increase from 2016 in the number of flower arrangements, flowers and pot plants, fruits, home baking, preserves and home brewing.

Vegetable section exhibits were down but the quality of exhibits was up. Exhibitors are to be congratulated on the standard of exhibits on show. Well done to all the exhibitors, regardless of whether your exhibit was a winner or not.

You raised the show to a high standard, pleasing to the eye – and the thanks of the chairman, committee members and the show secretary go out to you all.

The judges were very pleased with all the exhibits on show. They expressed their pleasure in judging such good exhibit displays that had made their task of judging difficult, with a good deal of time spent in choosing which were the best. So close was some of the marking that a little defect in the exhibit made all the difference –i.e. rain spoiling a flower head, a loose petal, or a slight scabbing on a potato.

Having remarked on this, the judges extended high praise for the exhibits.

The number of people attending the show was up on previous years and, hopefully, this will continue to be the case in years to come. In attendance were three craft stalls selling homemade cakes, preservatives and displays of driftwood craft from nature.

To add to the occasion was a very interesting and colourful flower arranging demonstration from Mrs Liz Evans who donated the arrangement as a raffle prize.

Within the show were exhibitors Elaine Brown, Stephanie Bagstaff, Vanessa Davies, Diana Gullett and John Walton, exhibiting for the first time whose exhibits gained prizes in a variety of classes – one was a melon not seen at the show before.

Allan Davies won the best in show and best vegetable with two leeks. Liz Rees won best dish of tomatoes, dish of runner beans; and the Banksian Medal in the vegetables, flowers and pot plant sections.

Chris Jones, by a large margin, won the most points in the home baking, preserves and home brewing section, plus best decorative. Barbara Payne won the most points in the flowers and pot plants section; and the most entries, plus the most points in the show.

This year's show was notable for the children's section – where Joseph Harvey (13) made five delicious herby cheese scones. Most pleasing and heart-warming were the exhibits from Ella Stark (5), who made an animal from veg/fruit that was the best ever seen at the show. She also made a miniature garden on a base, an arrangement of mixed garden flowers, foliage, and a miniature arrangement of garden flowers in an egg cup.

The look of joy on her face and the excitement she showed when winning two trophies, four certificates and rosettes made all the work that goes into staging a show worthwhile. It was made more special when all Ella's family gathered around her and shared the occasion with her.

Well done, Ella. You were the star of the show!

The effort and enthusiasm shown by Ella, all exhibitors, and the standard of the show is a credit to Llantwit Major and the community. It is an event that will continue for years to come, when, unfortunately, many a town/village horticultural show is no longer in existence.

The society thanks Harris Pye engineering, Make a Difference Locally (Nisa retail), local shops for their sponsorship.

The society looks forward to next year's show that will be in the third week of August 2018.

Albert Payne,
Show secretary

SEE PHOTOS FROM THE SHOW ON PAGE 29.

FOODBANK PROVIDES SUPPORT

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"That compares to 1,857 over the same period last year – a 3.5 per cent rise. At the same time, we have seen a decrease in donations, with 19,314kg of food donated so far this year, compared to 20,601kg last year – a 6 per cent decrease."

The Vale Foodbank has confirmed there is no risk it will run out of supplies.

On July 15, volunteers collected 795kg of food during a collection in Tesco in Penarth, and they will be out again in Barry this Saturday, September 9, from 9am to 5pm at Tesco Highlight Park store.

They are also organising a collection day in Penarth on Saturday, October 7.

Volunteers give lists of required items to interested shoppers. Donated items are date-marked, sorted into crates and transported to the Foodbank warehouse for weighing.

There are distribution centres in Barry, St Athan, Dinas Powys and Llantwit Major.

Nationally, the Trussell Trust has 400 Foodbanks and in the last year gave 1,182,954 three-day emergency parcels to people in serious need.

If people wish to volunteer or donate items, they can contact the Vale Foodbank at info@vale.foodbank.org.uk; or on 07879 562 077.

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NOSTALGIC SALE AT THE DOLPHIN

A sale full of nostalgia got under way at The Dolphin Bar on Barry Island this week.

Dolphin owner, Ian Rogers, is selling arcade equipment, and items from the Dolphin bar, in preparation for a sale of it to Pleasure Park owner Henry Danter.

It will be a poignant moment when Ian he closes the doors of the Dolphin for the final time, and says goodbye to the Pleasure Park site.

by GEM REPORTER
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He explained: "It's very, very sad to be going because we once had big plans for the Pleasure Park.

"We wanted to do a big re-vamp with leisure facilities such as a cinema, 10-pin bowling, and apartments."

Delays in planning led to potential investment drying up, and after a lease deal to bring temporary rides onto the park, it was purchased by Mr Danter.

Ian said: "The aim is now to get out of here as soon as possible and get things empty."

Among the items for sale at the Dolphin are arcade machines such as coin-ops, fruit machines and soft-toy grabbers, along with children's rides and novelty signs. There are also catering items such as cutlery and glasses.

Ian's late father Ken is still fondly remembered in Barry. He purchased the Pleasure Park in 1995.

The Dolphin sale starts daily at 10am until all the items are sold.

Access road flagged up

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Coun John added that the Welsh Government was trying to make use of land it had purchased in readiness for the Metrix defence project, which was eventually abandoned.

The Welsh Government has told The GEM that it deems the Northern Access Road "vital to service St Athan business park, allowing it to maximise its potential and compete on an international stage, attracting further jobs to the area".

REFLECTING ON THE SUMMER...

COWBRIDGE MAYOR'S DIARY

by Coun Sian Vaughn

AUTUMN has arrived, and so I thought I should reflect on the events that I have attended this summer.

On June 28 the consort and I attended Old Hall to present prizes to the winners of the 'selfie' art exhibition. It was lovely to meet children from Y Bontfaen and Ysgol Iolo Morganwg. The GEM covered this event and photos of the children were in the newspaper.

On July 2, the Town Council held our Civic Sunday service in Holy Cross Church, and it was wonderful to keep our traditions alive by parading on foot up the High Street to the church and back.

We were lucky enough to be accompanied by the South Wales Police Band, who really enhanced the occasion and we had a beautiful sunny, dry day. We have also attended other councils' Civic Sunday services at Dinas Powys on July 9 and Barry on July 16.

I held my 'Sparkling Strawberry Tea' event on July 8 in aid of Cancer Research Wales, which was really well attended and received excellent coverage in The GEM. I was so grateful that the staff at Hendrewennol picked the majority of the strawberries eaten at the event and I visited them to collect the fruit on July 7.

The consort and I attended the annual Leavers' Service at Holy Cross on July 11 to hand out over 180 copies of the booklet 'It's Your Move'. It was lovely to meet so many of the children who were finishing primary school and making their transition to senior school in September.

We attended the summer concert of Cardiff County and Vale Youth Orchestra on July 22 in the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff. The standard was incredible, and we listened to a Richard Strauss horn concerto and Shostakovich Symphony no 5.

On July 31, a short service took place outside the town hall and by the war memorial, to mark the 100th anniversary of the commencement of the third battle of Ypres at Passchendaele. A wreath was laid by the Royal British Legion and it was a time of quiet reflection on the tragic and huge loss of life.

As Mayor of the ancient borough of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, I was invited to become a vice- president of the 2017 Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show.

The Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society was established in 1772 and as is customary, an annual Thanksgiving Service took place on the Sunday before the show: St Cadoc's Church, Llancarfan held the service on August 6.

During the service, a sheaf of newly-cut corn was carried through the church and up to the altar and a newly-baked loaf to give thanks and to ask for a blessing for the gathering of all crops.

The Vale Show itself took place at Fonmon Castle grounds on August 9 and was a great day out for everyone.

If you did not make it this year I recommend putting the date of next year's show in your diary – Wednesday, August 8. It was a huge honour to be a vice-president, and to meet so many of our farming community on the day and dignitaries from other parts of south Wales.

My next charity events are 'Champagne and Canapes' in the Physic Garden on Friday, September 8, from 6.30pm – 8pm, £10 a ticket.

The coffee morning dates for the rest of the year are: September 16, October 21, and November 4, all from 10.30am – 12pm in the Mayor's parlour. I look forward to meeting you and having your support.

Finally, don't forget if you want the Mayor to attend any of your events in Cowbridge, Llanblethian or Aberthin, email town council enquiries@cowbridge-tc.gov.uk or call the office on 01446 773385.

Best wishes to everyone at the start of the new school year.

Cowbridge Choral Society

THE society resumes rehearsals this Thursday (September 7) after the summer break. They will be working on Verdi's Requiem ready for a performance with Pontypridd Choral Society in October, as well as starting new material for the annual Christmas concert.

This is a good opportunity for anyone who is interested to join the Choral Society to start at the beginning of some new work, and experience is not essential. Rehearsals take place at the United Free Church, Westgate (opposite the Police Station) at 7.30pm on Thursdays.

Friendship Club puts collective thinking cap on

IT was nice to welcome so many members to the August meeting of the Cowbridge Friendship Club – but once again, if members thought they were in for a relaxing afternoon, catching up on all the news, they were very much mistaken as it was time to put on their thinking caps.

...And in the words of the Agatha Christie's detective Hercule Poirot – to use those 'little grey cells' – in trying to solve the quiz where all the answers included the word 'red'.

There were only one or two questions that no one was able to guess, but the standard was so high that they finished the quiz in no time at all. They were then given another quiz where the answers were various towns in the UK.

This was slightly harder, and one or two members were getting frustrated where they knew the Abbey but couldn't quite remember it and could kick themselves when the answer was given!

Even though no one managed to get all the answers correct, there was certainly plenty of fun and laughter. Surprisingly, time went by very quickly, and then it was time for the usual afternoon tea where everything is homemade, from the choice of sandwiches to the variety of cakes.

For our September meeting, we have organised an outing for members to Barry Island, followed by afternoon tea. The next meeting in Llanblethian village hall will be on Thursday, October 26, so if you or someone you know would like to know more about the club, call 01656 668446.

Pat Smith

LLANTWIT MAJOR LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY IS ON THE MOVE!

THROUGHOUT its 50-year existence, Llantwit Major Local History Society has met in the Town Hall for its lecture programme – though not always on the second Wednesday of the month.

It was also the venue for a number of successful exhibitions in the time before the creation of the Heritage Centre.

In this way the Town Hall continued to act as the centre point of the town – a role it has carried out for probably more than 600 years, starting as the administrative centre for the Manor of Boverton and Llantwit and its fairs and markets – then, perhaps, as a Guildhall for the glove makers in the town.

It fell into decay during the reign of Henry VIII, but was rebuilt and while the ground floor may have been occupied by shops, the upper floor continued to be used as a meeting place.

At some time it was acquired by the Church and the parish vestry meetings took place there. However, by the 1830s, the Oddfellows leased the upper part of the Town Hall from the Church and carried out restorations, hence the symbols painted on the ceiling which were of relevance to their ritual.

From then on, it has been the venue for concerts, parties, political hustings, lectures and dances. It has also been pressed into service as a cinema and, during World War One, an air raid shelter. For over a century, it has been under the control of various local councils.

Despite this august history, the society has had to take a painful decision of moving their meetings away from the Town Hall. The access problems just militated against continuing.

So on Wednesday, September 13, members will be heading for the Llantonian Hall near the rugby club for a talk on The Aubrey family of Llantrithyd in Tudor Times, commencing at 7.30pm. The society would welcome any help to set up the hall prior to the meeting, as well as any new members. The fee is still £5 pa.

The society will continue to open its archives to the public in the Old School on Fridays from 2pm-4pm.

Nigel Williams

Maendy YFC elects its officers team

MAENDY Young Farmers Club recently held its annual general meeting, when officers were elected for the forthcoming club year 2017-18.

Mr Lynn Price remains as president and Miss Kate Thomas is our newly-appointed chairman. It is a family affair, with brother Mr Jack Thomas as our new competitions secretary and also vice-chairman of the club.

Miss Lauren David will keep check of the meetings as minute secretary and Mr Tom Rees will be looking after the finances as treasurer of the club.

Finally, keeping you all up to date with the exciting year ahead for Maendy YFC, is press and publicity officer Miss Louise Evans.

If you would like further information, you can email maendy.yfc@gmail.com or follow us on Twitter and Instagram @MaendyYFC and the Maendy YFC Facebook group.

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From left: Jack and Kate Thomas and Lauren David.

Photo Club opens the shutters on new season

VALE Photographic Club's new season starts on Friday, September 8 with the weekly programme of meetings that will run regularly from now until July 2018.

As always, there will be a mix of talks about photography, practical sessions, critique evenings, competitions and social events. The club also holds several exhibitions each year where members can show their images to the public.

The club prides itself on warmly welcoming newcomers and being the home for people who want to have fun, while learning how to improve their photography.

The club meets weekly on Fridays in Ystradowen village hall at 7.15pm. Whether you are a seasoned photographer, or new to photography, why not come along, meet us and find out more?

Another great way to find out more about the club is have a look at our website which has our programme of activities as well as lots of information about us and our members – and, of course, lots of our photographs!

This month, the club has a one-day exhibition in Ystradowen on Saturday, September 16 to coincide with a weekend of events that are being held to celebrate the hall's anniversary. Club members will be on hand throughout the day and can tell you more about the club.

For information on the club, visit our website at www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk or simply turn up to a club evening on a Friday at 7.15pm in Ystradowen village hall. We look forward to seeing you!

NICK CRADDOCK

COWBRIDGE U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'Queen Victoria and her influence on pain' by Dr Ralph Vaughan, at 2pm on Wednesday, September 13 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

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Cheers all round at the Llantwit Beer Festival!

ANDY WICKS was there with his trusty camera to capture the fun and festivities as people let their down at the recent Beer Festival held at the White Hart, Llantwit Major.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

SECTION 116 AND SCHEDULE 12 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO DIVERT THE HIGHWAY

NOTICE is given that Vale of Glamorgan Council as Highway Authority for the Vale of Glamorgan intends to apply to the Magistrates Court sitting at Cardiff Magistrates Court, Fitzalan Place, Cardiff, CF24 0RZ on 12 October 2017 at 10.00am for an Order under section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 authorising the diversion of a footpath at Parc Farm, St Donats commencing at point A (NGR 293460 168501) and proceeding westwards to terminate at point B on the adopted highway at Parc Farm (NGR 293233 168510) shown by a solid black line on the attached plan ("Plan") to be diverted to commence at point A (NGR 293460 168501) and proceed westwards to a kissing gate at point D (NGR 293233 168469) and continue westwards to terminate at point E (NGR 293231 168468) at its junction with Restricted Byway No.10 St Donats shown by a broken black line on the Plan on the ground that the diverted highway will be more commodious to the public.

A copy of the draft Order and Plan may be inspected free of charge at the Council Offices at Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RU between the hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Fridays (excluding bank holidays and public holidays) from 7th September 2017 to 11th October 2017.

Any person to whom this Notice has been given or who uses the highway specified or who would be aggrieved by the making of the Order may appear before the Magistrates' Court to raise an objection or make a representation on the application.

Any person intending to appear before the Magistrates' Court at the hearing of the application is requested to inform James Docherty, Senior Lawyer at Vale of Glamorgan Council, Legal Services, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RU before the 11th October 2017 quoting reference C04-1581.

Dated: 7th September 2017

James Docherty
For Operational Manager for Legal Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Legal Services
Civic Offices
Holton Road
Barry,
Vale of Glamorgan
CF63 4RU

Llantwit Major Town Council planning referrals

DETAILED below are Llantwit Major Town Council's comments regarding planning applications for August 2017.

The applications have now been passed to the Vale of Glamorgan Council Planning Department for the final decision.

West Ward

2017/00704/FUL **Bronwydd, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major.**

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension and internal alterations. No objections.

2017/000606/FUL **The Beach Cafe, Llantwit Major.**

Proposal: Renewal of planning application 2012/00771/FUL: Extension to existing café. No objections.

2017/00815/FUL Location: **Plymouth House West, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major.**

Proposal: Demolition of an existing detached garage and replacement with a new two storey annexe. No objections.

The Llantwit Major Town Council Planning Committee made an observation that all contractors working on the site should access the premises from the Dimlands Road entrance.

South east ward

2017/00750/FUL Location: **21 Daniel Hopkin Close, Llantwit Major .**

Proposal: Two storey extension. No objections.

2017/00765/FUL Location: **3 Ham Lane South, Llantwit Major.**

Proposal: Single and two storey extension to existing semi-detached property including bedroom, kitchen and dining room areas and relocation of front door. No objections.

North ward

2017/00753/FUL Location: **45 Grange Gardens, Llantwit Major.**

Proposal: Garage extension to the side with en suite bathroom in roof space. Two velux windows to be installed in existing rear extension. New driveway to replace current hard standing at front of house. No objections.

2017/00700/FUL Location: **28 Four Acre, Llantwit Major.**

Proposal: Demolition of garage and construction of two storey side and single storey front extension with associated external and drainage works. No objections.

Boverton ward

2017/00810/FUL Location: **Mill Barn, Mill Road, Boverton, Llantwit Major.**

Proposal: Change of use of land and building from agricultural to a single dwelling house and associated garden, together with the retention and completion of an attached building. No objections.

2017/00723/FUL Location: **61 Church Meadow, Llantwit Major.**

Proposal: Extension at rear of property and two storey extension at side of property.

No objections.

Paul notches up 15,000 hours of volunteering

LLANTWIT MAJOR'S Paul Deere is celebrating, after clocking up over 15,000 hours which he has dedicated to volunteering for local groups and causes over the past 25 years. That's over 600 days!

Paul, 56, who has lived in the town all his life, first got involved in volunteering after his Scouting background led him to become a Scout Leader for the 1st Llantwit Major Scout Group, a post he held for 25 years.

During this time, he has also been involved in the Bryn Illtud Youth Trust, which provides grants to young people wishing to take part in activities to promote their development in local, national and international communities, and Major Music, a local charity offering young people musical opportunities.

Paul explains his drive: "I was a Cub Scout, Scout, and Venture Scout, and I was keen to give something back to the Scouting community after my experience of getting so much out of it.

"After leading the local Scout group for such a long time, I went on to delivering training to others wanting to get involved – and before I knew it, I had clocked up over 15,000 hours.

"There is so much opportunity for others to get involved in volunteering and seeing the pleasure young people get from such a community is wonderful."

Paul's volunteer work has led to taking groups to events across the Europe; and only recently, he worked alongside other volunteers taking 126 Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Scout Leaders on an expedition to Rotterdam Scout Centre. Here he was part of the catering team to provide three meals a day for the 126 hungry group.

He added: "It certainly gives me a huge sense of satisfaction and I am delighted that my employer is supportive of my volunteer work."

Paul first started working at Aberthaw Cement Works as an apprentice electrician in 1977 and after a break doing other things, he came back to the plant six years ago to work as an electrician, before moving on to the electrical inspector role.

Chris Bradbury, Aberthaw Cement plant manager, said: "We are proud of the work Paul does – in the plant but also within the local community.

"Seeing the difference his volunteering has made, and continues to make, to young people's lives, is fantastic and we are proud to have someone with his ethics on our team."

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Top Scout-turned-volunteer Paul marks a milestone.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Saron Chapel

LOTTERY winners, autumn draw: first prize (£100) Donald Groom; second (£50) Eleanor Roberts; third (£25) Colin David.

St Canna's, Llangan

Reminder: on Saturday, September 9 there is an open day with registers and artefacts on display, I am sure this will be interesting and this is free.

On Sunday, September 24, at St Canna's the annual Harvest Thanksgiving service will be held at 11.15am.

Donations of tins and packets of food will be donated to the foodbanks in the Bridgend area. A warm welcome will be extended to everyone.

Harvest festival

***Treoes Harvest Festival** takes place on Sunday, September 10, at the village hall; call Nadia on 07825 100271, or Bran on 07857 606320, for more information.*

Young At Heart

CLUB meetings resume today (September 7) following the summer recess.

Llangan Primary

CHILDREN are back at school, full of enthusiasm, following their long summer holidays; I am sure the teachers are also!

School's garden needs polytunnel

THE Vale Council-run community centre at St Athan is calling on the public to support events to raise funds for the local school's gardening club.

Pupils and parents at St Athan Primary are trying to raise money for a polytunnel big enough for two teachers and 20 pupils.

The school has a garden already, but needs to raise £250 to be able to apply for a grant to help them work on what they have.

A number of people are already signed up to support the project, but Milly Nicholson, treasurer of the Paul Lewis Community centre in St Athan, is urging people to attend the events held at the hall to raise the money needed.

She said: "We have raised a lot of money through our bingo events, and in the past, we have been able to donate to Wales Air Ambulance, buy a picnic bench, and we have invested in a wheelchair for a member of the community."

A bingo night to raise money for the school has been organised for Saturday, October 7.

The community centre often holds fundraising bingo nights for different charities, and recently raised £600 for the Alzheimer's society.

A bingo night has been held at the Paul Lewis Community centre in St Athan, to raise funds for the Macmillan cancer charity.

For more information on the centre, visit the website www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/enjoying/Community-Centres/St_Athan_Community_Centre.aspx

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THE DAY CURTIS (aged 12) MET HIS WELSH HERO!

ABOVE: Curtis with his Welsh football hero, Gareth Bale.

by TIM CHAPMAN
07891 690798 or email tim.chapman@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

ONE Welsh youngster enjoyed the thrill of a lifetime last week when he met his football hero Gareth Bale.

Twelve-year-old Curtis, who plays for Brackla under-13s, was at the Vale Resort to watch a Wales training session.

The visit had been arranged by the charity 'Follow Your Dreams' – as a special treat for Curtis, who has high-functioning autism.

There was a lot of excited chatter among the specially-invited guests when the Welsh players arrived for the training session.

As Gareth Bale went onto the pitch, he said to Curtis: "Are you okay?'

After training, Mr Bale began signing autographs.

Curtis could scarcely believe what he was seeing and asked his hero: "Are you actually Gareth Bale?", only for the star to joke: "No, I'm fake!"

Curtis then asked whether he could have a picture taken with the great man, who obliged and immediately said: "Do you want my top?"

The exchange received over 21,000 likes on Twitter.

Curtis then wisely asked Mr Bale to sign the top.

Curtis's grandmother Sylvia said: "It was lovely for Curtis – we have been amazed by the response.

"It was an 'invitation-only' event and Follow Your Dreams was able to make it happen."

Just days later, Wales beat Austria 1–0 to keep their World Cup dreams alive.

LEGION ADVICE

ADVICE for members of the Armed Forces, veterans and their families will be available at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, September 12 from 10am to 12pm from The Royal British Legion.

This is one of a number of planned outreach locations across Wales which will make the Legion welfare services more accessible to the Armed Forces community (both past and present) across the UK.

Call 01446 732385 for further information or just come along and have a chat.

THE VALE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NEW £670,000 GROUPS FUNDING SCHEME

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council has launched a new 3 year £670,000 funding scheme designed to support community-led organisations.

The Strong Communities Fund has been created with the aim of making such groups less reliant on grants and developing innovative community initiatives and facilities across the whole of the Vale.

The Waterloo Foundation, an independent charity offering financial support to projects throughout the UK and further afield, have contributed £60,000 of the total available, with the Council providing the rest.

The fund will also be able to access planning gains money from Section 106 contributions.

It is hoped this funding scheme can help community initiatives become more sustainable instead of needing ongoing subsidies to cover running costs and one-off activities.

This is a unique approach in Wales, expanding the range of funding that is available to support community projects.

Applications for funding will be considered by a panel made up of Councillors and external partners, including individuals representative from of the Waterloo Foundation, public service partners and Glamorgan Voluntary Services, a charity supporting volunteer work the umbrella body supporting the third sector in the Vale.

Rachel Connor, Chief Executive of GVS, said: "We are pleased to see this additional resource for the Third Sector in the Vale. The Sector has always been innovative and creative in its approach to funding.

"This new resource will help encourage a more enterprising approach. GVS looks forward to supporting our members in accessing this new resource."

The fund can be used to finance feasibility studies, buy equipment, pay for building works and meet staffing costs.

It is also available for small innovative projects, although there is no restriction on the sum that can be applied for up to the total amount of funding available.

Those requiring more information or an application form for their project can contact the Council's recently-formed Economic Development team for guidance by emailing scgfapplications@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or calling 01446 704636.

There are a number of application rounds each year, the first of which closes on October 6.

Coun John Thomas, Leader of the council, said: "In times of austerity, the Vale Council is pleased that it is still able to offer grant funding to community-led organisations.

"This substantial fund is now open for applications and we invite enquiries from large and small third-sector organisations, Town and Community Councils, as well as joint applications.

"We welcome the involvement of the Waterloo Foundation and hope this scheme can help deliver Strong Communities with a Bright Future, our vision for the Vale," he added.

REFLECTION ON SUMMER 2017: A season of achievements and challenges in the Vale

WITH schools back this week, I wanted to reflect on a fantastic summer of events, activities, challenges and achievements in the Vale.

I will start by congratulating our young people for their tremendous results in the A, AS, GCSE and Welsh Baccalaureate exams. With 97.9 per cent of Vale of Glamorgan pupils achieving A* to E grades, in their A level grades, our school students, backed by their teachers, parents and carers once again exceeded the national average and this was reflected in GCSE results as well.

In wishing all our students in the Vale of Glamorgan the very best for the future in their chosen paths to further and higher education as well as employment, I would also like to highlight the apprenticeship opportunities we are funding as a Welsh Government, with support from the European Social Fund.

For advice and support on all options, visit www.careerswales.com; www.cavc.ac.uk (Cardiff and Vale College) www.studentfinancewales.co.uk; www.facebook.com/apprenticeshipscymru or Twitter @apprenticewales.

The summer weeks in the Vale included many excellent events, such as the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show, which showcased our farming and rural businesses. I was delighted to see Slade Farm featured on Channel 4 on Wednesday, August 30, with cameras following farmer Polly Davies and her family in their busy daily schedules over a year of hard work on the farm.

I managed to arrange for Polly to meet the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths AM to share her knowledge and experience at the highest levels in Wales.

Joining the crowds on Barry Island for the Red Arrow display on a sunny August Sunday was a great thrill, with the Island at its best. There were also toy train displays at Barry Island Station thanks to the Barry Tourist Railway and Barry at War Exhibitions.

The following Saturday, the High Street Summer Fayre attracted lots of visitors with stalls, music from Barry Community Choir and plenty of good food and activities for children. Thanks go to High Street Traders for their hard work and who support the Shop Local Campaign, as I do!

I was also glad to join the DIAG Rally and Family Fun Day at King's Square on Saturday, August 18. I was able to give the news that NRW was prepared to extend the consultation on the Biomass application to Sunday, September 10, but also took the opportunity to congratulate DIAG and the people of Barry for organising such an effective and constructive campaign – reflecting the widespread objections to the proposed incinerator – which I share.

I also thanked Barry Town Council for taking such an active role in representing the community with cross-party support for the commissioning of Capita to undertake independent reviews of the Biomass applications and their responses to NRW.

The latest Capita report will inform the responses to the ongoing consultations and meetings which I am chairing with the DIAG Liaison Group and NRW Officials.

Finally, on a national level, I was glad to see that Wales has been recognised for our impressive recycling performance and I know the Vale of Glamorgan plays an important part in this achievement. The latest figures reveal that we now recycle, reuse, or compost 64 per cent of our waste – up from previous year's rate of 60 per cent.

The Cabinet Secretary, Lesley Griffiths, welcomed the news and congratulated local authorities for their achievements and said: "Today's figures prove that they clearly share our ambition for Wales to become a zero waste nation by 2050."

Locally and nationally it is also good to hear from Aston Martin that their St Athan and Gaydon plants exports will be worth more than £500m – putting the Vale of Glamorgan on the map once again.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by VALE AM ***JANE HUTT***
(Leader of the House)

Make a noise for Marie Curie!

MARIE Curie, Cardiff and the Vale, needs teams of happy, outgoing and enthusiastic volunteers to make a noise and cheer for the charity's Cardiff Half Marathon runners on Sunday, October 1.

A spokesperson writes: Our wonderful runners need you to help them cross the finish line! You will be required to make as much noise as possible, shake pompoms, blow whistles bang sticks, and cheer the names of the Marie Curie runners taking part.

You'll have a great time, while working alongside a fantastic team of volunteers, and have the satisfaction of knowing you are helping Marie Curie nurses care for people living with a terminal illness.

Times are to be confirmed, but it is likely we will need volunteers from 10am-1pm.

To sign up to help on the day, call Hannah in the fundraising office on 02920 426 068, or email Hannah.Leckie@mariec

Volunteer with GVS

FOLLOWING the tremendous success of The Big Volunteering Fayre earlier this year, Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) will be hosting a series of mini volunteering fairs in various locations across the Vale of Glamorgan.

The next volunteering fair will be held on Thursday, September 14 at Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major from 3pm – 6pm, with a chance to chat with local volunteering providers and find the right opportunity for you.

Contact GVS on 01446 741706, or enquiries@gvs.wales, website: www.gvs.wales.

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()MORE PHOTOS NEXT WEEK.

Ian Ball (Ianto) and Matthew Mazzitelli (Mazz) with Rhys Webb (centre). Photo by Rhian Grapes

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Officer in line to take over as the new Chief Constable

Alun Michael, Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales, has announced his intention to appoint Matt Jukes as Chief Constable of South Wales Police from January 1.

The decision is subject to scrutiny by the Police and Crime Panel for South Wales, which will meet on Friday, September 8, to consider the Commissioner's decision and whether to endorse it.

The current Chief Constable, Peter Vaughan, is retiring at the end of December. and the vacancy had been widely advertised.

"It was drawn to the attention of all eligible officers of senior rank, and at the closing date in July, one highly experienced and qualified applicant had emerged," Mr Michael said.

"I am certain and confident that in Matt Jukes we have the right person – an outstanding leader with the integrity, the personality, the intellect, the skills and a strong personal commitment to south Wales and to our people."

Chief Constable Peter Vaughan said: "I am thrilled with the nomination of Matt Jukes as the preferred candidate to become the next Chief Constable of South Wales Police.

"He cares passionately about the communities we serve and the people who make up South Wales Police. I know he will make a positive difference."

Get back on track for a new start

SEPTEMBER is the perfect time to think about making some changes in your life – and perhaps improving your skills and qualifications by enrolling on a course.

A series of Sign Up sessions are taking place across the Vale next week, with the chance to drop in and enrol or find out more about a range of courses in your local area.

The week starts with a Sign Up Saturday event on September 9, from 10am-1pm, at Palmerston Community learning centre. Staff will be on hand with information and advice on the best course for you.

There will be a range of Adult Education opportunities on offer including Vale Courses, Essential Skills, Welsh for Adults, and Get back on Track.

The Vale Council Get Back on Track programme provides a wide variety of courses right across the Vale, in partnership with other providers – including Communities First, Jobcentreplus, and Flying Start. The courses are free to those eligible and a free crèche is provided at some centres.

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Classes at all levels are available at the Vale Learning Centre, Barry Library and other centres throughout the Vale.

You can start at any time and attend when it suits you, either day or evening.

For more information, drop in to the Sign Up events; pick up a course list from Vale Council buildings or libraries; www.gbotfree.org or call 01446 733762.

Welsh Government: 'Some people still wait too long for Wales NHS treatment'

"SOME people still wait too long for treatment."

That is what a spokesman for the Welsh Government said in response to criticism from Andrew RT Davies AM of waiting times for surgery in Wales NHS.

The criticism followed a Freedom of Information (FoI) request made by the Royal College of Surgeons disclosed that more than 220 patients in Cardiff and the Vale had, by March 2017, waited longer than a year for surgery by the NHS.

The FoI also showed that the number of patients across Wales waiting longer than a year had risen by 400 per cent over the past four years.

Both facts have been described by the Welsh Conservative leader and South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies as "shocking and unacceptable".

Mr Davies said: "It's about time the Welsh Government took action to address this scandal once and for all."

He added that it was "shocking" that there has been such an increase in patients waiting over a year for surgery.

"It is a damning indictment of the Welsh Government's handling of the NHS," he said, adding "This [delay] can have huge implications for patients in terms of their job and livelihood."

However, the spokesman for the Welsh Government – who acknowledged that "some people still wait too long for treatment" – countered the criticism.

He said: "Despite increased demand on the NHS in Wales, the health service is treating more patients, with the vast majority being seen within target times.

"Over the last five years, referrals to hospital-based services have increased by around 20 per cent from 1.07 million in 2012-13 to 1.27 million in 2015/16.

"Increases in individual specialities are even higher, with orthopaedic referrals alone up 22 per cent.

"Despite this, latest figures show over half of patients are waiting less than 10 weeks for treatment, while there has been a 28 per cent reduction in the number waiting over 36 weeks in March 2017 compared with the same period in 2016.

The spokesman said that the acknowledged delay in treating some patients, and said: "That's why we established the planned care programme to help NHS Wales deliver sustainable services."

He added that health boards have action plans in place "to reduce long waits".

"In August," said the spokesman, "Vaughan Gething AM, the Health Secretary, announced an extra £50 million to help the NHS further improve waiting times.

"Mr Gething expects to see performance improve as a result of this extra investment, so that every patient receives timely, high-quality care."

SLIMMERS IN THE PINK!

HUNDREDS of Vale slimmers decorated Cosmeston Lakes Country Park in pink to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

They were taking part in the 'Walk All Over Cancer with Slimming World' campaign in which slimmers from across the UK and Ireland were sponsored by family and friends to hit a self-selected 'steps target'.

The Cosmeston event was co-ordinated by local consultant Martin Woodsford, and those taking part were accompanied by their consultants, family and friends.

As well as raising vital funds for charity, members aimed to raise awareness of the fact that keeping a healthy weight can reduce the risk of developing 13 types of cancer.

One slimmer, Stuart Neil who has lost 6.5 stone, said: "Before I lost the weight, an event like this would have felt completely out of reach.

"I barely had the energy to go about my day, let alone go for a walk and at times I felt trapped inside my body. I would never have thought I could do something like this."

Martin Woodsford said: 'We had brilliant weather conditions for our walk and in true Slimming World-style our members, their friends and families were out in force to support each other.

"They showed just what can be done when we come together – both in terms of achieving something amazing and raising money for a great cause too.

"I'm sure my members will inspire more people to get active and improve their health, while also raising awareness of the links between obesity and cancer.

"The money raised will go towards an amazing cause – one my members feel very passionate about – helping to support Cancer Research UK's life-saving research into the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of all cancers."

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The slimmers had a fantastic day at Cosmeston, raising funds for cancer research.

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Devoted doggy pair who cannot bear to be separated...

STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are looking for a special new home for an elderly and partially deaf father and daughter duo.

The two terriers, 15-year-old Eddie and 12-year-old Poppy arrived at the Pen-y-Fai rehoming centre after their owner became ill and could no longer look after them.

Despite being partially deaf, and Eddie losing his sight, the pair are active dogs that love their walks and a trot around off-lead.

Angela Wetherall, rehoming centre manager at Dogs Trust Bridgend, said: "We would love to see Eddie and Poppy rehomed together so they can enjoy their twilight years with a loving family.

"Despite being a mature pair, they still have a lot of love to give and would make the perfect companions for a loving family.

"They are slightly hard of hearing but there is nothing wrong with their sense of smell. We learnt very quickly that food is the way to their heart and they'll do anything for a tasty treat.

Both dogs can live with children aged 11 and above and would love a relaxed but active home so they can still get out and about in the fresh air. They can be left for up to four hours but this would need to be built up gradually while they settle in.

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'Landmark building must be safeguarded' – SAYS VALE COUNCIL LEADER

by TIM CHAPMAN
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VALE Council leader John Thomas has said the future of Penarth Pier and Pavilion must be safeguarded for everyone to enjoy.

He and Coun Bob Penrose, the cabinet member for learning and culture, had a meeting with Penarth Arts and Crafts Ltd (PACL) to find out what the charity's future plans were.

Local people have been upset by reduced opening times at the venue and at the temporary closure of the cinema.

Penarth Pier and Pavilion were restored in 2012-13 thanks to a £4m grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The council points out that PACL benefits from a peppercorn rent and was given £800,000 towards renovations – in addition to money from the Heritage Lottery Fund – and received a £100,000 grant to help support the group during its first year of trading.

Couns Thomas and Penrose say they were keen to further understand the issues that had previously led to the Pier cinema being closed as well as the reduction in opening times for the Pavilion.

Coun Thomas said: "The Vale Council recognises the historic and cultural significance of both Penarth Pier and the Pavilion.

"It is without doubt an iconic landmark that deserves to be put to effective use for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

"I am aware of the level of public interest in the future use of the Pavilion and since forming the new administration, I have taken an active role in discussions regarding the future of it.

"I, along with my cabinet colleague Bob Penrose and officers, met with representatives from Penarth Arts and Crafts Ltd recently, at the Pavilion to discuss the current situation and I have asked that officers continue the dialogue over coming weeks.

"I remain resolute in my commitment that such an important location and landmark deserves to be put to sustainable and appropriate long-term use, that is open for all to enjoy."

Coun Penrose said he understood the strength of local feeling that the building must achieve its potential.

"I want to assure all those who share an interest in the future of this cultural asset that what is of primary concern to me is that the Pavilion has a long-term and sustainable use of which the community of Penarth and the wider Vale can be proud.

"To this end, we will continue discussions and as and when more information becomes available, we will of course share that information with all those with an interest."

Professor Tony Hazell, the chair of Penarth Arts and Crafts Limited, said PACL welcomed the recent visit by key members of the Vale Council

He said: "This was Coun Thomas's first visit to the Pavilion and we acknowledge the active role that he has played in discussions on the future of the Pier and Pavilion since taking up his role as leader.

"During the meeting, we were keen to convey a clear message that the future of the Pavilion depends heavily on achieving long-term commercial sustainability.

"This has to be the main objective of our development strategy following the award of an additional grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

"We shared our plans to increase revenue, particularly through the hosting of additional weddings and other family celebrations and also outlined the changes that we are making to extend our catering facilities.

"A number of developments are already under way in the café and we are pleased to report that, with effect from the week beginning September 11, the Pavilion will be open from 10am to 6pm, Tuesday to Sunday inclusive.

"Understandably, the councillors were keen to discuss our plans for the future operation of the cinema.

"These plans are currently being developed by the staff and, given the essential requirement for an increase in commercial activity, we welcomed a number of helpful suggestions from the councillors regarding a wider range of activities that could possibly take place in the cinema auditorium.

"Full details of these plans will be posted on the Pavilion website in due course."

Professor Hazell added: "We will, of course, continue to work closely with members and officers at the Vale Council and will continue to do everything possible to ensure the long-term sustainability of this important facility for the local community and beyond."

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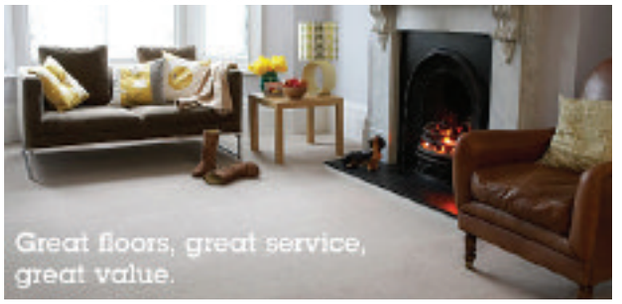

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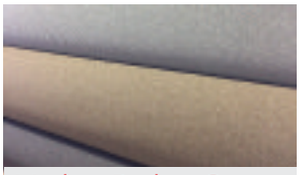
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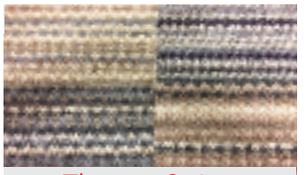
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Council secures £9.8m in Section 106 'contributions' for community schemes and affordable housing

THE Vale Council secured financial commitments for £9.8m in the form of Section 106 contributions from developers in 2016/17.

In the 12 months between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017, a total of 23 planning permissions were granted which have been subject to S106 agreements.

"Once received, this money will be spent on public transport, walking and cycling, educational facilities, open spaces, children's play areas and improvements to community facilities near development sites," a spokesperson said.

The council had also secured 'in kind' obligations, which developers will be required to deliver on-site, such as the implementation of public open space, affordable housing and public art.

During the same period, £1.4m was spent on S106 schemes across the Vale. These included the Port Road Footway/Cycle Scheme in Barry, the Plassey Square play area improvements in Penarth, nursery provision at Gwenfo Primary School and the purchase of equipment for Murchfield Community Centre in Dinas Powys and Heol Llidiard Community Hall in Llangan.

At the same time, a total of 217 new build affordable housing units were built by developers as a result of S106 agreements and were made available to local residents who would not otherwise have been able to afford housing on the open market.

Coun Jonathan Bird, cabinet member for regeneration and planning, said: "Section 106 agreements are agreed in order to address the impact of housing developments, and, in many cases, to help improve the schemes themselves.

"In recent years, the Vale has developed a very effective approach to maximising the contributions required from developers and pooling this money to fund schemes that make a big difference.

"Only last month, it was announced that a new village hall will be built in Ogmore by Sea, thanks to £287,000 of S106 funding. This is an approach that works and one that we will continue to use to improve and develop facilities across the county."

Plassey Square play area was recently refurbished using Section 106 funds.

Port Road improvements were funded by S106 contributions.

At the close of the last financial year, the council had £10.9m within its S106 account. The authority is committed to ensuring that local communities are involved in deciding how Section 106 contributions are used, especially where contributions are received for public open spaces and community facilities.

Public consultations on S106 spending have recently been held in Penarth, Fferm Goch, Wenvoe and Ystradowen, and one will begin soon in Rhoose to determine how best to spend contributions of £86,876 which is available now and a further £343,009,which is due in 2019.

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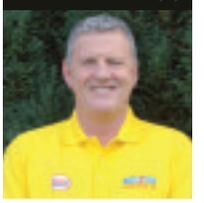

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American Made is Tom Cruise's most enjoyable performance in years...

NOW is probably not the best time to be Tom Cruise... His last cinematic effort, *The Mummy*, was a crushing and terrible disappointment, while filming on the latest *Mission: Impossible* film has been shut down after he broke an ankle doing a stunt.

While Cruise retreats to lick his physical and mental wounds, he still has a film ready to go in *American Made*. A real-life story, he plays Barry Seal, a pilot recruited by both the CIA and drugs baron Pablo Escobar, to fly arms and drugs into dangerous territories.

However, Seal's juggling act soon comes crashing down around him and having played both sides, he has to keep his head above water...

Tom Cruise's default recent setting seems to have been stuck in action hero mode. From the Jack Reacher films to the *Mission: Impossible* films and this summer's *The Mummy* (shudder), Cruise has been comfortable exchanging gunfire, jumping off buildings and mining that blockbuster charisma.

However good he is at this, there is something even more enjoyable when Cruise breaks out of his action box and essays characters with a little more depth and dimension. Take a look down his CV and the performances that really stand out, in recent memory at least, are the likes of hitman Vincent in *Collateral* and studio honcho Les Grossman in *Tropic Thunder* – you can now add Barry Seal to that list, as Cruise is superb in *American Made*, a frothy-yet-cautionary tale of one man's rise, rise, rise and abrupt fall.

It's a tale that we've seen before in many ways – characters breaks out of the mundanity of their lives, are successful, make lots of money before they are spat out and struggle to arrest the decline – but in the hands of Cruise's performance and Doug Liman's direction, it makes for an entertaining cocktail of espionage, smuggling and politics.

Liman gives the film a loose, vibrant feel, one that lacks a little in structure, but makes up for in terms of energy, and his keen visual sense guides the film through the story of Seal.

That it's a real story is amazing, a snapshot of distrust and unrest in the latter years of the Cold War, as countries sought to train and arm smaller nations in the larger battle – and Seal is our way in.

It would be easy to have depicted Seal as cocky and smug, feeling untouchable as he rubs shoulders with the Medellin cartel and various other shady figures, but Cruise presents him as a man with one eye on the exit at all times, revelling in his new-found wealth and success, but conscious that it could all end tomorrow.

Seeing Cruise in this kind of role is a pleasure, giving him the opportunity to do more than just run and shoot things, and he delivers a strong turn that the film is built around.

None of the other characters really resonate, despite the best efforts of those involved, with only Domhnall Gleeson's CIA operative feeding the narrative – but when Cruise is as watchable as he is here, that's not a problem – the story of Seal conveyed wonderfully.

When it all blows up around Seal, there's no tortured soul bemoaning what he's gotten himself into, merely the urge and desire to protect his family and himself, and Liman's decision to downplay the fall, coupled with a move into the political landscape, means the film finishes strongly, a shot of cold reality sharpening the story, and how all of this came to take place.

Arguably, the film could delve deeper into the whys and hows of the operation, but you feel Liman didn't want to delve too deeply into that story; instead, by focusing on Seal and his actions, *American Made* engages without preaching, and makes for a hugely enjoyable offering.

VERDICT – The most enjoyable performance in years from Tom Cruise headlines this energetic and loose-limbed real-life story, as *American Made* is superb film. Directed with zealous élan by Doug Liman, it wears its excesses on its sleeve and revels in the madness, without attempting to over-moralise. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Wolf of Wall Street* (2014), *Gold* (2017).

by GARETH JAMIESON
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What do you know about Dyffryn?

RESEARCHERS at Dyffryn House, the Victorian mansion with Edwardian listed gardens at St Nicholas in the Vale – currently managed by the National Trust on a 50-year lease – are seeking information on the history of the site.

A spokesperson said that the original collection owned by the Cory family was sold at auction in 1937: "If any local people are aware of pieces that were sold locally, we would love to hear from you.

"We would also be very interested to talk to anyone who has memories of working at the site from the 1980s and before – with the option to carry out an oral history."

Please contact Christina at Christina.Hanley@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 07483 926208 if you can help.

What's on and where, in your neighbourhood?

Welsh Learners' choir

THE forthcoming concert with Cantorion Coety on September 11 takes place at 7.30pm at Gilgal Baptist Church, Park Avenue, Porthcawl.

It is hoped to welcome a large audience, at the same time raising money for the victims of famine in East Africa.

Pay at the door, tickets £5. For further information call 07730 221642.

Floral demo

'Out of the Attic' is the title of a floral demonstration to be given to members of the Barry Floral Society by area demonstrator, Mrs Margaret Walker, of Cheltenham.

It takes place at St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry, on Tuesday, September 12 at 2.15pm. New members are welcome.

Lift group

THE Lift Group offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer.

We meet in Cowbridge once a fortnight, either between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies or 2pm to 4pm for other activities such as speakers or trips out. Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

If you know anyone who might benefit from this group, call Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith on 01446 794176. We look forward to seeing you.

Quiz

A QUIZ night in aid of National Autistic Society will be held at The Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry on Saturday, October 7 at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £5 include refreshments. For further information, call 01446 743932.

Female author in Penarth Q&A

Rachel Joyce, bestselling author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and its follow-up *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy*, will be visiting Penarth on September 14.

She will be discussing her recently-published novel *The Music Shop* with local bookshop owner Mel Griffin, and answering audience questions at All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth (CF64 3EH), at 2pm.

Tickets available from Griffin Books, Penarth, at £16 each. The price includes a cream tea plus a personally signed hardback copy of *The Music Shop*.

Concept Players are back with a SHOUT

CONCEPT Players, described as "one of south Wales' most exciting theatre companies", return to Penarth after the success of *Evita* and *The Importance Of Being Earnest* – to take their audiences back to the swinging 1960s.

This review-based show centres around five women, growing up in a period of great social change, struggling to make the most of themselves as they battle to get boyfriends, manage husbands, have a career and raise a family. Who do they return to? Well, SHOUT! magazine of course.

SHOUT! magazine's resident agony aunt doles out plentiful advice, though some of it is more than a bit wide of the mark to great comic effect.

The show speeds along with the help of all those 1960s classic songs, and specifically centring on those sung by British stars such as Petula Clarke, Dusty Springfield, Sandy Shaw, Shirley Bassey, Cilla Black and Lulu.

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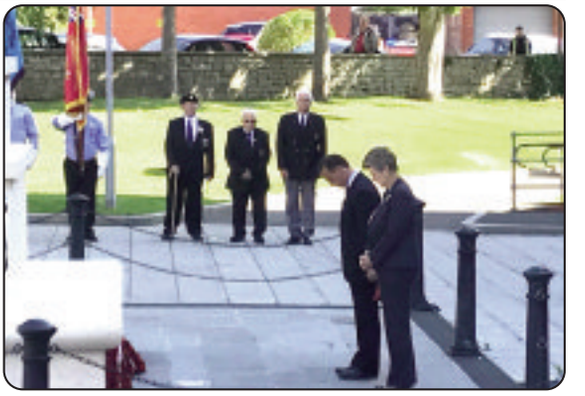
Merchant Navy Day is commemorated in Barry

The scene at the Merchant Navy Day service in Barry.



Alun Cairns MP and Jane Hutt AM laying wreaths on the forecourt of the Civic Offices.

ON Friday, September 1, the Vale of Glamorgan Council commemorated Merchant Navy Day, which officially took place nationally on Sunday, September 3.

Present were the Mayoress of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Janice Charles, who gave a reading during the service, as well as Alun Cairns MP, Jane Hutt AM, Leader of the Council Coun John Thomas, Mayoress of Llantwit Major, Jane Norman and the Mayor of Barry, Coun Nic Hodges.

Alun Cairns said: "It was an honour to lay a wreath at the Merchant Navy Day on Friday. It was a moving service, and the reception afterwards was a great opportunity to catch up with new and longstanding friends, who could share many inspiring stories about the work of the Merchant Navy."

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Source of 'burning smell' in Barry is tracked down

AN investigation was launched into a 'burning smell' in Barry last week.

Early in the week, residents were puzzled as to the source of the smell.

Ferda Ulug, the owner of La Cucina café and tapas bar on Holton Road, said: "We had customers coming in who were saying, "What's is the burning smell?"

"I had even gone into the kitchen and asked, "Is anything burning?" it was that bad.

"I haven't seen any smoke – just experienced the smell."

On Facebook on Wednesday, August 30, Sue Eldridge commented: "Anyone know what the very strong smell of wood burning was from in the early hours? Most of Barry could smell it. Most odd."

Last Thursday, August 31, the Vale Council released a statement explaining that a fire had been tracked down.

A Vale spokesman said: "The council is aware that a smell of burning has been present in parts of Barry recently.

"Officers have been in contact with partner agencies and a possible source has been identified.

"The fire service has attended the site in question. They are satisfied the fire is under control and it should be extinguished by the weekend."

Tim Chapman

ARTHRITIS CARE

THE UK's leading arthritis charity offers information and support to everyone affected by arthritis, young and old.

It provides a number of online and face-to-face services to ensure that no one faces it alone.

The first monthly session will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at 2pm in Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

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HYPNOTHERAPY: Dispelling the myths

CLIENTS sometimes ask me if hypnotherapy is a form of mind control by the hypnotherapist, so I'm going to bust a few myths here.

Although deeply relaxed on the couch, clients always remain in complete control. They can talk if needed and they can end the session at any time if they wish.

Stage hypnosis has often created the image of participants performing all manner of entertaining acts because they are under the hypnotist's control.

However, the truth is, by consenting to take part, they are more susceptible to persuasion.

The effects of hypnosis can be extraordinarily powerful. Having busted those myths, I will tell you about the significant benefits which can be gained from hypnotherapy.

Not only is it a very deep form of relaxation, the relaxed trance state allows our subconscious mind to become open to suggestions which are helpful to you, e.g. gaining confidence and perspective, reducing anxiety, increasing our motivation for change such as weight loss, or quitting smoking – and so on.

The stressful moods, behaviours or habits which create havoc in our daily lives can change.

As with anything worth achieving, commitment to the change is fundamental.

However, hypnotherapy can help you discover a calm, confident, clearer perspective and an understanding of yourself – along with the tools to make these changes permanent, so we can start living the life we want.

As a full-time, qualified and experienced hypnotherapist, I will be happy to have a chat to see whether hypnotherapy could help you.

*Please contact **Sue Pitman** on 07795 964066, email: cardiffhypnotherapysolutions@gmail.com or visit www.cardiffhypnotherapysolutions.co.uk.*

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Over the next two weeks, The GEM will be reprinting the results from the 2017 Vale of Glamorgan Show in full. Unfortunately, results previously printed incorrectly concerned the 2016 Show, for which we wish to fully apologise to everyone concerned – with the hope that this gesture will go some way to making amends.

Sheep and sileage

Class 36 Ram – 1st SH & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM, GLYNOGWR; 2nd DO VICKERY, TY OAKLEY FARM, HAFOD YR YNYS; 3rd S & E WILLIAMS, PANTYFID FARM, MARKHAM, BLACKWOOD.

Class 37 Ram Lamb – 1st and 2nd SH & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM; 3rd DO VICKERY, TY OAKLEY FARM.

Class 38 One Ewe – 1st Arthur Davies; 2nd SH & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM; 3rd S & E WILLIAMS PANTYFID FARM.

Class 39 One Ewe Lamb – 1st and 2nd DO VICKERY, TY OAKLEY FARM; 3rd SH & C WILLIAMS, PANTYCORNANT FARM.

Championship for the Best Exhibit in the Welsh Mountain Sheep Classes

The Western Mail Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Exhibit in the Welsh Mountain Sheep Classes: Arthur Davies, Maes yr Onn Farm, Blackwood; Reserve SH & C Williams, PANTYCORNANT FARM.

Black Welsh Mountain Sheep

Class 40 Ram – 1st M/S PALMER & HAYWARD, YSGUBORGOCH FARM, DINAS POWYS; 2nd Bertorelli; 3rd J GRIFFITHS, PARK HOUSE, RHIWDERINM NEWPORT.

Class 41 Ram Lamb – 1st Bertorelli; 2nd SAM WILLIAMS, SUNRISE BUNGALOW, ST BRIDES MAJOR; 3rd EDWARD MORGAN, 8 PHOENIX WAY, PENALLTA, HENGOED.

Class 42 One Ewe – 1st EDWARD MORGAN, 8 PHOENIX WAY, PENALLTA, HENGOED; 2nd M/S PALMER & HAYWARD, YSGUBORGOCH FARM; 3rd J GRIFFITHS, PARK HOUSE, RHIWDERINM.

Class 43 One Ewe Lamb – 1st and 2nd J GRIFFITHS, PARK HOUSE; 3rd M/S PALMER & HAYWARD, YSGUBORGOCH FARM.

The Richard Evans-Bevan Perpetual Challenge Tankard for the Best Exhibit in the Black Welsh Mountain Sheep Class: Palmer & Hayward, YSGUBORGOCH FARM; Reserve J Griffiths, Park House.

Suffolk Sheep

Class 44 Ram – 1st TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON; 2nd RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM, CILYBEBYLL; 3rd CHRISTOPHER CORNOCK, RED HOUSE FARM, ST BRIDES, WENTLOOGE.

Class 45 Ram Lamb – 1st and 2nd RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM.

Class 46 One Ewe – 1st TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM; 3rd TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM.

Class 47 One Ewe Lamb – 1st STEFFAN THOMAS, LLYGAID YR HAVI, CARNEGSAWDDE, LLANGADOG; 2nd TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 3rd RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM.

Championship for the Best Exhibit in the Suffolk Sheep Classes

The Edwards Geldard Perpetual Challenge Trophy for the Best Exhibit in the Suffolk Sheep Classes – TR Harris, Redland Farm; Reserve Steffan Thomas, LLYGAID YR HAVI.

Class 128 Best Clamp Of Silage, **Major Frank Homfray Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st HD Hanks and Son, Ty Canol Farm, Llantrithyd; 2nd TW Jarvis and Son, Gelli Goll Farm, Llansannor; 3rd VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm, Llancarfan; 4th R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm, Bridgend.

Class 129 Best Bag Of Silage – **Fred Williams Memorial Cup**: 1st TW Jarvis and Son, Gelli Goll Farm; 2nd R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 3rd PC Thomas and Son, Splott Farm, Wick; 4th Gareth Rees, Wrinstone Farm, Wenvoe.

Class 130 Long Term Ley – **George Gibson Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st Lyndon Joseph, Mount Pleasant Farm, Stormy Down; 2nd TW Jarvis and Son, Gelli Goll Farm; 3rd M T Rees, Upper Parc Farm, Laleston; 4th RS Thomas, Sutton Newydd Farm, Wick.

Class 131 Short Term Ley – **Penllyne Cricket Club Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 2nd G Anthony and Son, Haregrove Farm, Laleston; 3rd VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm; 4th EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place, Penmark.

Class 132 Best Field Of Winter Barley – **The Evan Crook Memorial Cup:** 1st R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 2nd PC Thomas and Son, Splott Farm, Wick; 3rd TW Jarvis and Son, Gelli Goll Farm; 4th RJ Thomas and Son, Gileston Farm, St Athan.

Class 133 Best Field Of Winter Oats – **James James JP Memorial Challenge Cup:** 1st EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place; 2nd RJ Thomas and Son, Gileston Farm; 3rd VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm.

Class 134 Best Field Of Winter Of Winter Wheat – **WD James Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy:** 1st EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place; 2nd R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 3rd G Anthony and Son, Haregrove Farm; 4th RJ Thomas and Son, Gileston Farm.

Class 135 Best Field Of Spring Barley – **Vale Show Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm; 2nd TW Jarvis and Son, Gelli Goll Farm; 3rd RE Brown, New Beaupre Farm, St Hilary; 4th WD James, The Grange, Wick.

Class 136 Best Winter Oil Seed Crop – **Gwyn Jervis Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st RJ Thomas and Son, Gileston Farm; 2nd PC Thomas and Son, Splott Farm, Wick; 3rd Penllyn Estate Farm, Penllyn, Cowbridge; 4th WD James and Son, The Grange.

Class 137 Best Field Of Beans – **Robert Morgan Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm; 2nd WD James and Son, The Grange; 3rd EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place; 4th IG Jeffries, East Monkton, Wick.

Class 139 Best Field Of Spring Wheat – 1st R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 2nd HD Hanks and Son, Ty Ganol Farm, Llantrithyd; 3rd RS Thomas and Son, Sutton Newydd Farm; 4th Gareth Rees, Wrinstone Farm, Wenvoe.

Class 140 Best Field Of Maize – **AR Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup:** 1st R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 2nd E Williams and Son, Old Parc Farm, Margam; 3rd EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place; 4th Penllyn Estate Farm.

Class 141 Best Clamp Of Maize Silage – 1st R & L Anthony, Tythegston Farm; 2nd EH Radcliffe and Son, Penmark Place; 3rd VJ Thomas and Son, Pancross Farm; 4th ET Adams, Ty Uchaf, Llantrithyd.

Class 144 Bale Of Meadow Hay – 1st Thomas and Walter Haxland; 2nd Howard Evans, Llanbad Fach, Brynna; 3rd TR Harris, Redlands, Bonvilston.

Class 146 10 Kilos Wheat – 1st Thomas, Gileston; 2nd R and L Anthony, Tythegston; 3rd Radcliffe, Penmark.

Class 147 10 Kilos Oats – 1st Thomas, Gilestone; 2nd Radcliffe, Penmark.

Class 148 10 Kilos Barley – 1st James, Grange, Wick; 2nd Thomas, Gileston; 3rd Radcliffe, Penmark.

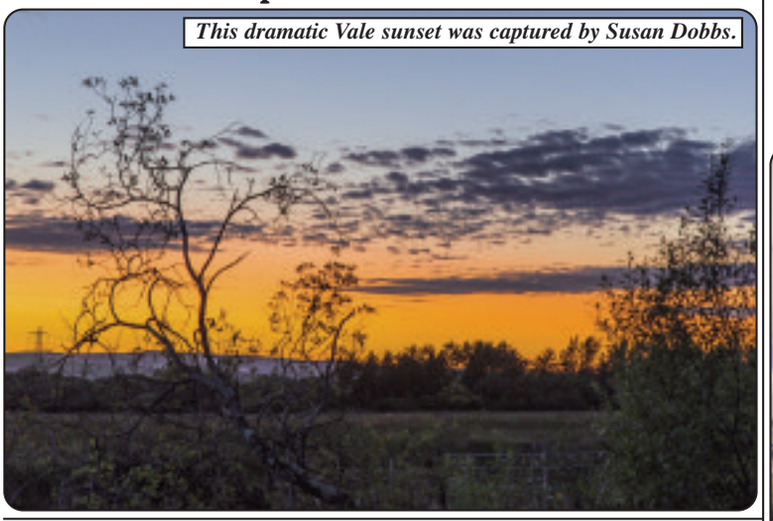
The Edward John Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup For Best Trade Stand Mainly Supplying Goods and Services to the Agricultural Industry: David Evans.

The Gale Martin Memorial Perpetual Challenge Trophy For Best Trade Stand Mainly Supplying Goods And Services To The General Public: Topstak.

Best Trade Stand Exhibiting In The Craft Fair Marquee – 1st Amanda Price, Peurhiw Farm, Llaugammarch, Wells Downs; 2nd Dave Price, Puddlebrook, Glos; 3rd Joan Gravell, Ceunant Heol Y Lan, Idole, Carmarthen. The Best Vintage Tractor On Display At The Vale Show – 1st Robert Christopher Biddle, Callow Cottage, 69A Eastgate, Cowbrige.

The David Synan Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup: Robert Christopher Biddle, Callow Cottage.

Camera captures dramatic sunset



This dramatic Vale sunset was captured by Susan Dobbs.

Global Day of Charity sees Arriva on track

Volunteers at Pontyclun Station.

HAVE you ever wanted to run your own railway station? Arriva Trains Wales is offering people the opportunity to take over their local station – as part of celebrations to mark International Day of Charity (September 5).

Members of the public volunteer to take on unstaffed railway stations in their area through the national 'Adopt a Station' scheme which was launched in 2004.

More than 130 Arriva Trains Wales stations have since been adopted by community-spirited volunteers, who receive an annual issue of rail travel vouchers.

There are now 84 more up for grabs, including Baglan, Maesteg, Pyle and Sarn.

'Adopt a Station' aims to improve links between Arriva, local communities and customers living near 190 unstaffed stations across the railway operator's network.

Station adopters provide regular feedback on litter, graffiti, vandalism, lighting and timetable information so that any issues can be addressed.

There are also opportunities for volunteers to compete for 'Best Kept Station' titles and horticultural awards in some areas.

Arriva's community relations manager, Geraint Morgan, said: "Station adopters don't have to do any cleaning or maintenance, because these are done on a regular basis by our own staff. They act as an extra pair of eyes and ears at stations where we don't have any on-site staff, and report any problems.

"It's a vital job and we are very grateful to all the volunteers across our network, who make the charitable effort on behalf of their local community to help keep their stations at their best."

"Some of our stations have gardens or floral displays and our volunteers have not only enhanced the appearance of their local railway station, but also won national awards for their green fingered efforts.

"Individuals or groups can adopt a station, and there's plenty of potential for improvements if we all work together – even if you just want a pleasant platform to sit and watch the trains go past." **AS**

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'WONDERFUL TO BEHOLD'

Young and old forged an endearing relationship with fun and games at care home

Photo by MIKE DEARDEN.

STAFF from a Cardiff care home took their children to spend time with residents to help improve their overall happiness and well-being – after being inspired by a hit TV programme.

Tŷ Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home in Pontcanna, organised the experimental afternoon after watching *Old People's home for 4-Year-Olds*, which aired on Channel 4 earlier this month.

Eleven pensioners from the St Monica Trust retirement village in Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol and ten children from local Bristol pre-schools were selected for the ground-breaking two-part TV programme, with filming taking place over a six-week period at the retirement community.

The old and young volunteers shared daily activities designed by experts, who were amazed to discover the transformative power that simply being around the children had for the older people.

This resulted in some substantial improvements in the pensioners' mental and physical health, while the children also showed benefits, including language development and increased confidence.

Tŷ Llandaff manager Janice Evans said staff were so inspired by the TV show, which featured a series of extraordinary and moving scenes, they wanted to do something similar for their own residents of the Pontcanna care home.

The home, which offers nursing and residential care from the age of 18, opened in January and was recently named in the top 20 recommended care homes in Wales for 2017 by a leading UK care home website.

Twelve of the staff's children, from nine months to nine-years-old, took part in joint activities with the residents including playing table football, ball games and skittles, while there were ball pits and soft toys for the babies.

They then all shared a picnic in one of Tŷ Llandaff's lounges. Jan said residents "benefited enormously" from the children's visit, while the youngsters mutually also had a lot of fun.

"The TV show really inspired a lot of the staff who saw it, as it was so moving.

"Bringing the old and young together showed that it had positively mutual benefits, not only to the residents, but the children too – so we wanted to try and replicate that here at Tŷ Llandaff."

"We work tirelessly to make our care home a wonderful place to be. Anything that positively impacts the lives of our residents is a great result for us and this was very successful.

"There was lots of laughter and fun. We saw endearing relationships forged between some of our residents and the children, which was wonderful to see.

"We are now looking to make this regular event," Jan added. **AS**

Rambling through the sheep-filled meadows

– and a hunt for fossils

IT was a triumph for Sheila, who led her first walk for Penarth and District Ramblers with a group of 21 walkers and Biddy the dog at St Mary's Church in Wenvoe recently.

The walkers included Dorothy P, who in a couple of weeks will be celebrating her 84th birthday – proving age is just a number and that walking as well as staying active, can keep you agile, healthy and happy.

Heading up through Pound Lane and Wenvoe Wood to Burdonshill, some mud and deep water was soon negotiated for a visit to the Elizabethan Orchard. Heading across part of the Wenvoe golf course, the group dropped down through woodland, fields led them on past Goldsland Wood for a morning break at St Lythans Burial Chamber in glorious warm sunshine.

Some road walking brought them back into lush green fields behind Dyffryn, for the short journey to Tinkinswood Burial Chamber, and onwards through sheep-filled meadows to walk the road up to St Nicholas.

The edge of cropped and harvested fields led them into Coed Nant-Bran before lunch in a quiet meadow near Lodge House Farm. Following the road to the delightful St Bleddian's Church in St Lythans, the group headed back to Burdonshill Lane, returning along a narrow path through woodland for a drink at the Wenvoe Arms.

Staying on home territory for the August bank holiday, 17 walkers joined Joy and Biddy at St John the Baptist Church in Sully before setting off down Ashby Road and crossing Sully Moors to exit at the very busy Cardiff Road.

Making their way by field and track to Biglis House and Farm, they headed up beside the Cadoxton River onto the empty St Andrews golf course and with the temperature steadily rising, they paused for morning break in lush fields below Southra.

Heading across Dinas Powys Common and dropping down to re-join Cardiff Road, a footbridge brought them across the river and up into Cross Common Road.

Climbing gradually, before heading through fields to join South Road and passing the lovely old 12th century St Peter's Church, they went along Mile Road, which divides Cosmeston Country Park into two halves. A deviation through a paddock and Cogan Wood led them past the western lake to a picnic area for lunch.

They left the busy park and made their way up through the quiet Searchlight Lane to join the Wales Coast path,. Another descent led into Lavernock Bay to seek fossils in the rocks before heading across St Mary's Well Bay and along the road to Swanbridge.

Leaving the busy Beach Road, the group continued along the coast path with its sculpture trail and headed towards Sully beach on a man-made track which led them inland back to their start.

On September 10, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 12.5-mile strenuous walk taking in Rhos Dirion, Twmpa and Capel-y-ffin; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

To follow the group, see www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 02920 255102.

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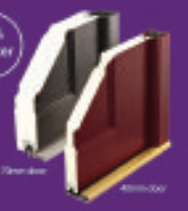

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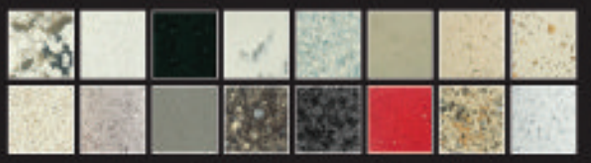

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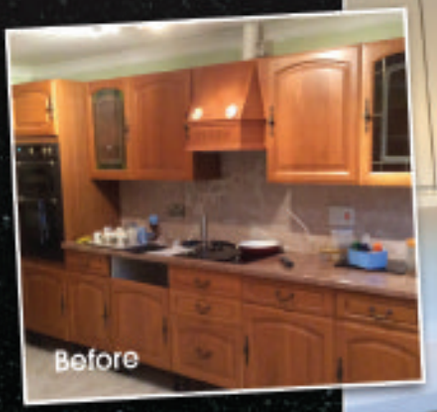

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Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th September – Boverton Farm, Llantwit Major

All Wales Ploughing Championships on their way

A countryside event showcasing ancient rural skills will take place at Boverton Place Farm near Llantwit Major on September 16 and 17 when competitors will demonstrate their expertise in ploughing, hedge laying, and fencing competitions.

The event is over two days as the Five Nations Challenge visits Wales this year. Representatives from Wales, England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland will compete in both reversible and conventional ploughing competitions.

There will also be a Welsh Dragon Open Championship, a competition for Ferguson T20 tractors and general purpose plough under the Ferguson Club rules, plus the Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing & Hedging Society is staging a reversible ploughing competition. There will be plenty of vintage machinery, a working steam plough and threshing machine and a horse ploughing demonstration.

On the Sunday, these competitors, together with nearly 100 other entrants, take part in the All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championships. This will see 10 different ploughing classes including World Style, High Cut, Vintage and two horse ploughing competitions. Competitors are travelling from as far as Cornwall and Cumbria.

Both days begin at 9.15am with a procession of competitors to their plots. Other than ploughing, there will also be hedge laying and fencing competitions, as well as demonstration areas highlighting modern methods of farming and a number of trade stands. You can also see a cider press and thatcher at work, plus on Sunday afternoon from 3.30pm, there will be main ring entertainment provided by Merion Owen's Quack Pack, Glamorgan Hunt and the Iron Horse Society.

Oil4Wales is bringing its stand, which will include some Welsh rugby stars available for autograph signing. Fablas from Cowbridge will be providing delicious ice cream plus there will be a public bar and refreshment area.

Entry is £10 for adults with children 16 years and under free of charge.

Of note, the All Wales Championships, run under the auspices of the Welsh Ploughing Association, was established in 1958 by the Radnor Valley Vintage Society who held the first Welsh Championships at Walton in Powys.

At these first Championships, Glamorgan took a leading role and it was a Glamorgan ploughman, Henry Jones of Lunnon, who was crowned Champion Ploughman of Wales, a feat that he repeated on a further three occasions before retiring from competitive ploughing.

Since those early days, the Championships have gone from strength-to-strength, with more competitions being added and competitors increasing to well over 100 each year. The Championships have since visited most parts of Wales, and Glamorgan has hosted the event on six occasions already – in 1963, 1972, 1982, 1995, 2003 and 2010.

To visit this year's Championships, travel to Llantwit Major and follow the AA signs. Nearest postcode is CF61 1UH.

If you would like further information, contact the local secretary Jane John on 07809 050635, or jane.john123@icloud.com or follow the Championships on Facebook @walesploughing.

A JUDGE'S VIEW

I HAVE been involved in competitive ploughing since I was 14 years old, following in the footsteps of my father and brother.

About 30 years ago, I was asked to become a judge, a role which has taken me all over Britain.

Over the years, the most frequent question I have been asked is, 'What do you look for when judging a ploughing match?' So I wanted to take this opportunity to outline the main points.

Judges consider nine different categories, each worth 20 marks.

Straightness and uniformity of the furrows (the long trench made in the ground by a plough) are most important.

Furrows must be well packed with no holes allowing good weed control.

The start (which is the first 11 or 12 furrows) must be uniform and level and the finish (the last eight furrows) should be uniform, shallow and clean.

The overall appearance of the finished plot is usually a good indication of the quality of the ploughman.

Ploughing is a very ancient and skilful way of tilling the soil to ensure a good seedbed for crops. While there are now many more modern methods used, competition ploughing keeps this skill alive.

If you want to find out more, don't be afraid to ask an official if you have any questions.

This year is a particularly special year. We are returning to Boverton Place Farm, by kind invitation of the Thomas family of Pancross Farm and a perpetual Cup is being presented in memory of my brother and sister-in-law, Glyn and Barbara Davies, whose daughter Cathy lives at Pancross.

This will be awarded to the best ploughman from the counties of Carmarthenshire, Glamorganshire and Pembrokeshire.

We look forward to welcoming you to Boverton Place for an interesting and enjoyable day out for all the family.

KEN DAVIES,
Field Director, Welsh Ploughing Association.

The All Wales Ploughing & Hedging Championship

The Mayor of The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Councillor Janice Charles, would like to wish everyone involved with the All Wales Ploughing & Hedging Championship a very happy and successful event.

Hoffai Maer Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, y Cyngh. Janice Charles, ddymuno diwrnod llwyddiannus i bawb sy'n ymwneud â Phencampwriaeth Aredig a Phlygu Gwrychoedd Cymru Gyfan.

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READERS' LETTERS extra

Why EU Repeal Bill is so crucial to plan for Brexit

THE EU Repeal Bill, due to be debated in Parliament this month, is central to the Government's plan to exit the EU in 2019 because it releases Britain from more than 40 years of the supremacy of EU laws.

It also repeals the 1972 treaty that made Britain a member of the EU.

It is important that people realise that if the bill doesn't pass, then Britain will remain under the remit of EU law.

It is, therefore, very disappointing that there are reports emerging of MPs planning to oppose the bill. Any effort to oppose or dilute it – via a succession of wrecking amendments – would effectively prevent Britain leaving the EU, and would fly in the face of the decision Britain made last year to leave the EU.

As chair of Change Britain and former Labour MP, Gisela Stuart, says: "The Repeal Bill is the first essential step in leaving the EU and will enable us to take back control of our laws in an orderly way. MPs must now do their democratic duty and vote for it."

MPs should work to make a success of Brexit, not try and frustrate last year's referendum result. I would encourage those who feel as I do to write to their MP and ask them to support the bill and honour the will of the people to leave the EU.

We need to show our politicians that we expect them to respect the result of the referendum.

The battle starts with the Repeal Bill. The Bill will take a long time to get through the House of Commons and House of Lords. At every stage pro EU campaigners and their supporters in Parliament will fight to frustrate the process and weaken our resolve. The debate on the Repeal Bill starts next week and it is vital we apply pressure now.

What you can do:

1. Email your MP. If you have not done so already, please visit *changebritain.org/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=49&qid=103942to* and in just a few clicks send an email to your MP. Thank you if you are one of the thousands who have done this already.

2. Get others involved. If you know friends and family share your commitment to Brexit and would want to help, please forward this email to them and ask them to email their MP too.

3. Write to your local newspaper.

4. Start a local petition. There is a form that you can download: *changebritain.org/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=50&qid=103942*. Print off the form which includes a message from Gisela Stuart and take it round to family and friends or set up a street stall and ask people to sign up.

If we act now we can show the EU lobby and our politicians that we want them to get on with it and to take back control from Brussels.

We are part of 17.5 million people who expect to be heard. By acting together, we can make this happen and build a better future for Britain outside the EU.

Mike Bailey, Cowbridge.

'Closure of A & E unit, beggars belief'

I READ with interest, the article where Huw Irranca-Davies AM visited the Royal Glamorgan Hospital which stated that '*he saw first hand the excellent facilities of the A & E department and Emergency Care unit and that this was as a result of Welsh Government investment*'.

What he failed to mention was that this department is due to close down...

The pending closure is of huge concern to the people in the catchment area that this A & E covers.

The wonderful staff that work in this hospital, as pointed out by Mr Irranca-Davies, are already under pressure – this is partly due to the lack of funding, causing staff shortages – but mainly due to the volume of people who have use for this A & E department.

However, with the possibility of a further 460-plus homes within the area, it beggars belief that this closure was even a consideration, let alone a reality!

I, along with thousands of others in this area, would ask the Assembly Members to rethink please.

Thank you for the wonderful and informative GEM newspaper.

D Allan, Ton-Teg.

GEM ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

In Business Update

All change for autumn!

AS we leave the summer behind us, there is a definite scent of autumn in the air.

I love autumn, with the change of colours and a chance to welcome a more comforting theme to our wardrobes. – and at Samantha B, we always like to offer something different!

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In Business Update

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This continued until the early '30s, when its format changed to a four-page paper quarto fold still carrying adverts, but very little news.

A clever play on words ensued and it was then renamed *What's on in Barry* after Watson Street, in which it is situated.

At one time, more than 5,000 papers were delivered by hand every week.

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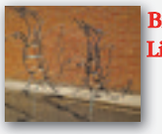

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An expert's advice could help to avoid any dispute

BRENDAN SWEENEY of David Prosser & Co Solicitors, writes:

It is estimated that 60 per cent of the UK population do not have a Will.

A Will takes effect on your death and is an instruction as to what is to happen to your estate.

Probate disputes and challenges to Wills are becoming a growth area, which often leads to substantial costs.

We now live in a world where family relationships are often very complex, and expert advice regarding the drafting of a Will is essential.

A professional advisor can also advise you in relation to inheritance tax, and how you plan to minimise potential liabilities to inheritance tax

It is important that people are fully aware of their duties and financial responsibilities when they make a Will, to ensure that they comply with the technicalities that are required to have a valid Will.

The cost of a professionally-drafted Will, after taking advice, is considerably less than the costs that can be incurred if there is a dispute regarding your financial affairs after your death.

Substantial costs can also be saved by taking professional advice early, and putting in place Powers of Attorney – whereby you appoint trusted people to make decisions about your property and financial affairs and health and welfare, if your lose capacity.

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PENARTH FOOD FESTIVAL
Sunday 17th September

Penarth food festival back from its break

COMMUNITY-based environmental organisation Gwyrddio Penarth Greening (GPG) is pleased to announce the return of the Penarth Local Food Festival, following last year's break.

This year's festival is taking place on Sunday, September 17 at the Kymin on Beach Road, a location popular with both traders and festival goers.

First held in 2011, the event fast became a popular and much-anticipated fixture in the town's annual calendar, attracting large crowds of locals and visitors.

The festival aims to highlight the vast range of quality independent food producers and businesses in the area and provide a unique showcase for the very best of local produce. This year's mouth-watering line-up will include all the regular favourites plus some tasty new additions.

Visitors will be able to sample a wide range of fresh local produce such as cheeses, breads, preserves, locally brewed beers and ciders, all provided by local businesses including Windsor Fruit Stores, Fauvette and many more.

There will also be a wide variety of hot food on offer, including local bacon and sausages from Old Cogan Hall Farm, a fish grill from the Fig Tree and lunchtime treats from Restaurant James Sommerin.

Vegetarians and vegans will also be well catered for, with tasty offerings from the always popular Parsnipship and festival first-timers Vegetarian Food Studio.

Festival organiser Anthony Slaughter said: "We're thrilled to be bringing the food festival back to the Kymin. The day is a real community event and a great celebration of local food.'

For GPG, the festival also provides an important opportunity to raise awareness of sustainable and environmental issues and highlight other GPG community projects. This year, the festival will be used to relaunch the group's 'Shop in Penarth' loyalty card scheme.

Originally introduced in 2010, the SiP scheme aimed to support Penarth's independent businesses and boost the local economy by encouraging customer loyalty. The scheme also helps to cut carbon emissions by reducing the number of car trips for out of town shopping.

The scheme has proved very popular with local shoppers and several thousand of the original SiP cards have been sold since its launch.

GPG have been working together with local retailers, the Town Council and the Penarth Times on the relaunch which will include new branding, promotional material and an improved online presence with the aim of encouraging even more people to cherish and support Penarth's vibrant mix of independent retailers.

The Food Festival is open from 11am to 4pm. Entry is free and open to all. **AS**

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Shop in Penarth scheme set to be relaunched

THE announcement that the popular Shop in Penarth (SiP) scheme is to be relaunched at the Food Festival on September 17, has been greeted with enthusiasm by independent retailers and shoppers alike.

The new scheme is still based around customers buying a card (*now plastic with a keyring tag*) and retailers providing offers to card holders.

The big change is that the scheme will now have a new, dedicated website and a new look, which is modern, clear and colourful.

Offers will be easily accessible online and businesses in the scheme will ensure that their customers are aware of the scheme and their offers.

Speaking about Shop Penarth, as it is now called, Tricia Griffiths, a founding member of the original scheme and a member of Gwyrddio Penarth Greening (GPG) which will remain the body responsible for administering the scheme, said: "GPG is delighted to see this scheme come to life again with renewed energy and purpose.

"The whole ethos is summed up in the strapline on the cards: 'Loving my Town', 'Supporting my Local Economy' and 'Building a Greener Future'.

"As previously, every penny raised from Shop Penarth goes back into the scheme, and we hope people will appreciate the smart new approach and the easily accessible website, wwwshop penarth.co.uk.

"Please note that this will not go live until the launch on September 17 at the Food Festival in the Kymin, Penarth."

For people not able to get to the Food Festival, which is running from 11am-4pm, cards will be available from businesses across Penarth displaying a Shop Penarth sign. **PS**

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Queen's Baton Relay passes through Bridgend and the Vale

BOXING champion Lee Selby and pupils from three local schools lined Barry Island Promenade, as the Vale Council helped organise a leg of the Queen's Baton Relay this week.

The event sees a baton containing a message from the HM The Queen travel around nations competing in the Commonwealth Games before reaching the Gold Coast in Australia where the 2018 Games will take place.

After setting out from Buckingham Palace, the relay visited Africa, the Caribbean and the Americas before heading back to the UK.

Barry Island featured as one of the locations during a four-day tour of Wales.

Pupils from High Street Primary, Gladstone Primary and Bro Morgannwg Primary schools packed onto the Island for the event that was also attended by Vale Council Leader John Thomas. They got a chance to hold the baton, made using macadamia wood and reclaimed plastic sourced from Gold Coast waterways, and watch as local hero Lee Selby and other famous faces carried it along the Promenade.

One of those was Vale Council worker John Nethercott, who won gold and bronze medals in respective 1500 and 800m events at the 1992 Paralympics in Barcelona.

After continuing its tour of Wales, the baton will head to Asia and Oceania and end up in Queensland for the start of the Commonwealth Games in April.

Coun Thomas said: "It was wonderful to see the Queen's Baton Relay visit the Vale as part of its journey around Wales this week.

"The fact such a prestigious event felt that Barry Island should feature along its route proves how iconic the resort is, not just in Wales, but internationally."

Group wants council to adopt local park

THE Rhoose Parks Action Group continues to pressure the local authority for the improvement of parks in the village.

The group met on September 1, at Ceri Road Park where they presented their proposals to local MP Alun Cairns.

Work to install new equipment at Ceri Road Park has begun; however, the group is concerned that the development work is not being undertaken as a matter of priority.

The group wants to see Heol Y Dryw Park being adopted by the Vale Council. It is currently the responsibility of the developer, David Wilson Homes.

Following the meeting, Mr Cairns said: "Ordinarily, it would be a community council who would take responsibility for parks in a village.

"This clearly is not the case in Rhoose, due to the current absence of a council.

"I am pleased that the Vale Council have begun work on Ceri Road Park and I will continue to monitor their progress.

"It concerns me that parks in the more rural areas of the Vale have not been given necessary refurbishments in the past five years.

"I am keen to work with the Vale's new administration to ensure that this is not the case again in another five years."

A vote will be held on Friday (September 8) at 7pm in the Stewart Road Community Centre, to determine whether a referendum should be held on whether or not Rhoose should form a community council.

All residents are urged to attend the vote.

Dinas Powys Probus has 'food for thought'

ON August 29, we were delighted to welcome Sue Worrall to our meeting to give a talk on 'Food for Life and Living'.

Sue started by giving some amazing facts about how hard our bodies work to keep us fit and healthy over a 70+ span of years. Our hearts will probably pump over 2,000 gallons of blood and our lungs will not only supply the vital oxygen we need, but also contribute to new blood production.

Food choices are very important and the 50/50 ratio of fats and sugar which we all love is also the same as found in breast milk... coincidence!

Correct food choice will also help to fight the following: cardio vascular disease causes 25 per cent of all deaths but the polyphenols present in all fruit and veg can help reduce cholesterol without the need for medication.

Similarly, type 2 diabetes and obesity can be improved by eating more fruit and veg. Britain is becoming known as 'The fat man of Europe'.

Sue explained the need to detox our bodies, as toxins are all around us and impossible to avoid; however, just by hydrating our bodies with six to eight glasses of water a day we can improve concentration levels and brain functions.

Surveys show that diets do not generally work as good health is all about repair and recovery. Repair and recovery is very dependent on what we eat and what we eat is about quality not quantity.

Following a very interesting 'question time' and the sampling of various healthy foods and drinks provided by Sue, the vote of thanks was given by Ken Wade. **GR**

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Woodham Road plant: 'Let's call it a power station'

I HAVE been following much of the correspondence in your newspaper relating to the proposed 'gasification' plant now being constructed on Woodham Road, Barry, and am wondering why it is still being referred to as a 'gasification' plant, whereas in reality it is a power station, and I think it should be referred to as such.

The title favours the developers, but not the general public who should be the important ones here.

Gasification is just one part of the process of burning wood/gas, to create heat and drive turbines to create electricity for the national grid.

It seems that Biomass UK No 2 appear to have used this term to distract the public about the fact that it is a power station, in much the same way as a conjurer distracts the audience's attention, while he performs some sleight of hand, an old trick indeed.

Biomass burning is an extremely inefficient method producing approximately 50 per cent more carbon dioxide than burning coal, and approximately four times as much carbon dioxide as burning natural gas, per unit energy produced (Reference PFPI data sheet).

NRW in their information sheet (page 2) state that they will consider the following issues when they decide if they will issue a permit to Biomass UK No 2 to start burning wood in their power station: 'Efficient use of raw materials, water and energy'...

Any person writing to NRW can state that this plant is an extremely inefficient way of using raw materials, as shown above in the PFPI report (available online), so the application for a licence should be rejected immediately on this point alone.

This leads to another issue stated by NRW as being something which they can consider, i.e. 'Control of emissions'.

I. like many other people, have tried wading through the infamous 1,000-page document at the public library in Barry searching for any reference to carbon dioxide emissions from this proposed power station, and been unable to find any reference to it whatsoever.

This seems very strange to me, and I wonder if it could be some slight oversight on the part of Biomass UK No 2, or whether it is something they would rather we didn't know too much about.

I have seen figures from a similar plant in Derbyshire, which state that it will produce over 4.3 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (the green-house gas) over its 25-year life span.

If we do a pro rata calculation for the Woodham Road power station, we end up with about 150 tonnes of carbon dioxide per day being poured into the skies above our town.

Another quick calculation shows that is the same amount of Co2 as would be produced by an extra 200,000 cars on the streets of Barry, every day. Definitely the 'elephant in the room' that they don't want to talk about.

I would urge everyone in the town to get the NRW information sheet, and write to them about these points, which they say they will consider before they make a final judgement on granting Biomass UK No 2 a 'licence to kill', and threaten the health of everyone in our town for the next 25 years, children and grand-children.

Sadly, it seems we have been let down by the elected representatives and other officials who should have sorted all this out years ago.

It has been left to a small group of volunteers (DIAG) to try to mount a rearguard action against this multi-million pound conglomerate, who can spend £50 million on a power station, (before getting a licence), without blinking an eye, to salvage the future of our beautiful seaside town.

It would be nice to have the comments of Associated British Ports, who have been very quiet while all this is going on, as I think they owe the people of Barry some sort of explanation on why they allowed Biomass UK No 2 to build this totally inappropriate power station so close to the centre of Barry, and effectively sterilise all the proposed regeneration which was supposed to take place in this area.

It would be nice to hear from them.

J Rees, Barry.

Rhoose to decide if the community council should be reinstated

THIS Friday (September 8), the residents of Rhoose will have an opportunity to start the process of restoring the community council, which was abolished some 30 years ago.

A community meeting will be held at 7pm in the Community Hall in Stewart Road. If a minimum of 150 voters attend, a vote will take place and if there is a majority in favour of establishing a council, a community-wide vote will take place in October to decide whether to establish a council in Rhoose.

During the run-up to the local elections in May, views were expressed both for and against the suggestion to establish a council.

The ability to have more direct control over local issues was welcomed, while concerns were raised at the additional cost of another level of government.

It is important that as many people as possible attend the meeting – whether you are for against the proposal.

Once the meeting has taken place, it will be too late to express your views until the vote in October.

Gordon Kemp, Cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, Vale Council.

AM's praise, then closure, for A & E department

I READ with interest, the article where Huw Irranca-Davies AM visited the Royal Glamorgan Hospital which stated that '*he saw first hand the excellent facilities of the A & E department and Emergency Care unit and that this was as a result of Welsh Government investment*'.

What he failed to mention was that this department is due to close down...

The pending closure is of huge concern to the people in the catchment area that this A & E covers.

The wonderful staff that work in this hospital, as pointed out by Mr Irranca-Davies, are already under pressure – this is partly due to the lack of funding, causing staff shortages – but mainly due to the volume of people who have use for this A & E department.

However, with the possibility of a further 460-plus homes within the area, it beggars belief that this closure was even a consid-eration, let alone a reality.

I, along with thousands of others in this area, would ask the Assembly Members to rethink please.

Thank you for the wonderful and informative GEM newspaper.

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Llantwit Major Bowls results

LAST Saturday, Llantwit Major A bowls team travelled to Rumney in Cardiff – to play their last Cardiff and District Municipal League Division 7 match of this season.

Star performers were Mike Eveleigh, Richard Bayliss, Les Fowler and Mike Harmon who scored a seven on the seventh end and a six on the 18th end to win by 26 – 16.

Dave Thomas, Dave Post, Graham Snowdon and Pat Twomey won by 16 – 9, Ambrose Horgan, Roy French, Andrew Dewhurst (loaned by Rumney) and Mike Jones lost 12– 18.

Ken Williams, John Moisan, John Ball and John O'Brien lost 14 – 21. Overall score 68 – 64 in Llantwit's favour a 10 point win!

The previous Thursday saw us welcoming Aberkenfig in the Rockwool Triples League, due to Llantwit having cancelled the game that was to have been played at Aberkenfig on Tuesday and with Aberkenfig's green closing next week, the league had agreed that this was a 'double header' with the scores being counted twice for determination of league places.

There was an excellent atmosphere among the two teams and Aberkenfig ran out worthy winners. Roy Vowles, Mike Jones and Arthur Hayes lost 15 – 18; Mike Eveleigh, Geoff Timms and Charles Hiscock lost 11 – 15; Richard Bayliss, John Moisan and Mike Harmon lost 11 – 18 and Ken Williams, John Ball and John O'Brien lost 8 – 17.

Special thanks to team captain Paul Brown for serving the food and manning the bar.

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'Time is short to save this uniquely tranquil church'

WITH regard to the Church of St Brynach (Llanfrynach), the detailed planning application (2017/00841/RES) for the Darren Farm development has now been made.

With the previous outline approval having been given, all that can now be achieved to save the special character of the area is mitigation.

One site very vulnerable to the development is the ancient church of St Brynach (Llanfrynach).

There are several more accessible rural churches within the Cowbridge Benefice, and one cannot over-emphasise the uniquely tranquil character of Llanfrynach, nor the fact that the whole ambience of this church and graveyard depends on its isolation and freedom from human impact.

It is the only place within reasonable walking distance of Cowbridge which is not affected by the rush of modern life, and where one can withdraw into a place apart. For that reason, it seems little known.

To destroy this special feature by traffic noise, lights and adjacent building, would be an act of great insensitivity, and one which will materially degrade the quality of life for everyone who visits the church.

The gradient of the new link road carrying heavy goods vehicles from the A48 to the Llantwit Major Road must seriously impinge on the quietness of the area. One now sees visitors sitting in the churchyard apparently lost in thought, listening to the bird song, and in quiet contemplation.

Many local people, from the old to the young in push chairs, walked to the church in candlelight, for the very simple and atmospheric service to mark the new Millennium.

This priceless local amenity will be lost for ever, unless something is done.

The most obvious is a shelter belt of woodland between the new road and Llanfrynach Lane. The Section 106 funds from the development could be used for this, as could local funds and resources and possibly support from The Woodland Trust, Glas Tir, and other organisations.

Readers may have noticed the yellow signs around the proposed development where the Head of Planning and Transportation, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT, has requested observations from the public on the likely impact of the development on this historic setting, under reference 2017/00841/RES.

Please write and express your support to protect this area, but time is short.

Responses are due in by September 12.

David Webb,
Richard Norris,
on behalf of the Cowbridge and Llanblethian Residents' Group.

Weather gives Cowbridge Bowls Club finals a break

COWBRIDGE Bowling Club held the finals of its internal competitions on September 3-4.

The weather can only be described as appalling, but to the surprise of everyone, it held off sufficiently for all of the Sunday matches to be completed.

In an excellent Millennium plate final, Colin Wilson took a strong 17-8 lead against Bryan Hole after 16 ends.

Bryan then proceeded to win the next seven ends, to get to 18-17, before Colin just managed to close out the game over the next two ends.

The other morning match was the 2-wood final between Roger Barwick and Alan Wallace.

In a hard-fought match, with some excellent ends, Alan took the lead only for Roger to come back and win an exciting final 21-17.

In the afternoon, the rain came down even harder and just as we thought about abandoning the games, the rain eased and play commenced.

In the 2-wood couples Cup, the Wallaces (Alan and Lin) were playing the Wilsons (Colin and Lynda). Alan and Lin got off to a good start and held a 14-8 lead before Colin and Lynda came back to 14-13.

Alan and Lin managed to hold their game together and came through to win 22-14.

In the other afternoon men's pairs match, David Thomas and Guy Morton played Tom Purnell and Clive Pritchard.

David and Guy got off to a good start and played very steadily through the whole game.

Try as they migh, Tom and Clive could not get themselves close enough to threaten David and Guy who ran out the eventual winners 24-16.

Credit must be given to David Thomas who, at 85, played incredibly well in all the early rounds and also in the three hours of the final. Well done, David!

On Monday morning, the miserable weather gradually cleared and the two morning matches got under way in fairly dry conditions.

In the ladies pairs, Lynda Wilson and Sylvia Hole proved the stronger combination against Caryl Davies and Shirley Wilkinson.

Shirley started off with a suspect back, which didn't improve as the game progressed. The game was conceded on the 16th end, with Lynda and Sylvia leading 25-7.

The mixed pairs saw two excellent ladies leads (Sandra Collin and Lin Wallace) matched against each other, with their playing partners Byron Richards and Colin Wilson in support.

Lin and Colin set off at a fast pace, scoring well until Sandra and Byron came back to 19-16. Some further good ends saw Lin and Colin run out worthy winners at 31-21.

The last afternoon of the competition weekend traditionally sees the men's and ladies' singles finals take place, and with the skies clearing and the sun coming out almost 50 spectators enjoyed the final matches.

In the ladies' final between Sandra Collin and Joan Bradley, Sandra began scoring at a steady pace and although Joan kept trying to get on level terms, Sandra kept her lead to eventually win 21-14, to become ladies champion for the first time.

In an exciting and closely fought men's final, past champion Roger Barwick played Bob Penn.

The scores were very close and the two players were level pegging at 14-14 after 19 ends.

Roger won the next two ends to get to 18-14, but Bob kept battling away and it took another five ends before Roger finally crossed the line to win 23-16.

The club president, Mary Thomas, presented the trophies to the winners. The chairman, Diane Lloyd thanked the competition secretary Alan Wallace, and all the players and competitors for another successful competition season.

We can now look forward to our autumn tour of Bournemouth next week and our end of season bowls club presentation lunch on December 1. ***AWW***

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

DEBRA Hamer, who hails from the Vale, had plenty to smile about at Worcester last week after her eight-year-old bay gelding, ShankForAMillion, landed a course and distance hat-trick – when winning the Bet Fred Novices Handicap Hurdle by three lengths from Maximus Maridus.

The rider of long-time leader, Keating, departed company with his mount at the last.

However, opinion was that ShankForAMillion, who went off the 6-5 favourite, and who was well ridden by Richard Patrick, would have won anyway.

TIM'S 16-1 WINNER

Panis Angelicus was a 16-1 winner for Aberthin trainer Tim Vaughan at Newton Abbot last Saturday.

The eight-year-old bay gelding, ridden by Alan Johns, took the Bet TotePlace Handicap Hurdle when beating the favourite On Alberts Head, who had blundered at the last, by four lengths.

Vaughan saddled three of the 13 runners in the race and his Kovera (Richard Johnson) was fourth and his ShesAGangster (James Best) 11th.

Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn also had three runners in the race and he took third place with Aaman who was partnered by James Bowen.

LOOKING BACK ON THE TURF – 1997

Bridgend's Jonathan Tudor, now a leading trainer of point-to-pointers, came in for a spare ride and rode a 12-1 winner, and I also put the national racing scribes and experts on the right course!

'Bridgend butcher Jonathan Tudor came in for a spare ride at the Golden Valley Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases and brought home the bacon when landing the restricted open race on 12-1 chance Ollardale.

Ollardale, which had been pulled up on its two previous starts this season, finished 12 lengths ahead of Derring Ann ridden by west Wales' Dai Jones.

Julian Pritchard, who looks like clinching the national men's point-to-point championship, brought his season's tally of wins to 34 with a treble on Lets Twist Again (Confined), Nether Gobions (Men's Open) and Robero (Maiden Division One).

Nether Gobions came home 12 lengths clear of the Llangibby horse Archer with the Llangeinor mare Doubting Donna, under Jamie Jukes, a further 18 lengths away in third place.

Rip Van Winkle, confidently ridden by leading rider Alison Dare, made it three wins in a row in the Ladies Open race when accounting for Bowland Girl and Howaryadoon. Pip Jones' mount Most Interesting was pulled-up.

Merger Mania, a five year-old described by the experts as "having no sign of ability" and ridden by David Mansell was a 14-1 winner of the second division of the Maiden.

Sea Tarth, which ran in four point-to-points for Pembrokeshire's Fred Luff last season, and who failed to complete the course on each occasion, was a 33-1 winner of the bumper race at Bangor-on-Dee for Fishguard trainer Peter Bowen.'

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

'Brian Lee has put the record straight. It was Chepstow trainer Milton Bradley's Grey Dolphin which was the first horse in the 20th century to achieve 10 chase wins in a season.

However, if the racing experts in the national and regional press were to believed, not to mention television's racing scribes, Stately Home trained by Haverfordwest's Peter Bowen and Lambourn-trained Imperial Vintage - who both have nine wins apiece - are challenging for that very honour.

Last Wednesday, Brian faxed a well-known daily racing paper to inform them that all the racing journalists and racing historians seemed to have forgotten - that during the 1983-84 season, Milton Bradley's Grey Dolphin had won 10 handicap chases.'

'A few days later Brian received a telephone call from the racing paper's statistician informing him that he was indeed correct and that he would do justice to Grey Dolphin by writing an article in the paper listing the horse's achievements along with that of Bradley's Mighty Marine, also mentioned in the fax that Brian had sent to the paper.

During the 1970s, Mighty Marine, a winner of 24 races, won seven consecutive races in the space of five weeks and three days.

Milton Bradley had graduated to the 'sport of kings' after being involved in point-to-point racing for some years and trained that good mare Octroi, a winner of 22 races under Celia Conley.'

Needless to say it was the daily racing paper's statistician that took all the credit for the information I had supplied him.

• *You can e-mail your racing news or views to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920736438.*

LADIES ENJOY MEMBERS AND GUESTS' DAY EVENT

THE Cottrell Park ladies member and guests' competition was played on Thursday, August 24 – in glorious sunshine on the Mackintosh course.

Each member invited two guests from other golf clubs to play the course, which was in excellent condition.

There were visitors from 13 other clubs. It was a Stableford competition, with best two out of three scores to count.

The winning team was: member Helen Evans with Margaret Medlow (Pontypridd) and Chris Davies (St Mary's) with a brilliant total of 81 points.

The second team was member Tina Morgan with Linda Ware and Sarah Edworthy (Newport) with 72 points.

The longest drive for the 0-24 handicap category was Margaret Medlow (Pontypridd) and the 25-36 handicap Stephanie Bonnar (St Athan).

Nearest the pin on the 8th Hole was Jan Davies (Royal Porthcawl) and on the 15th Pam Williams (Royal Porthcawl) .

Six ladies earned golf balls with two putts on the greens.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments at the halfway house, sandwiches and cakes with Pimms provided and served by the ladies. This was very successful and much appreciated by all.

The prizes were presented by Jeannette Williams, ladies captain. She thanked every one for coming, the green staff, the catering staff and the lady members for their support.

Margaret Medlow (Pontypridd) gave a vote of thanks to Jeannette and all the lady helpers for a very enjoyable day and she hoped to be invited back next year.

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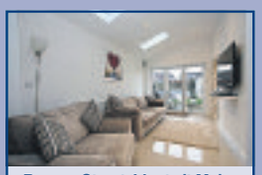

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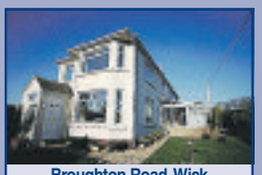

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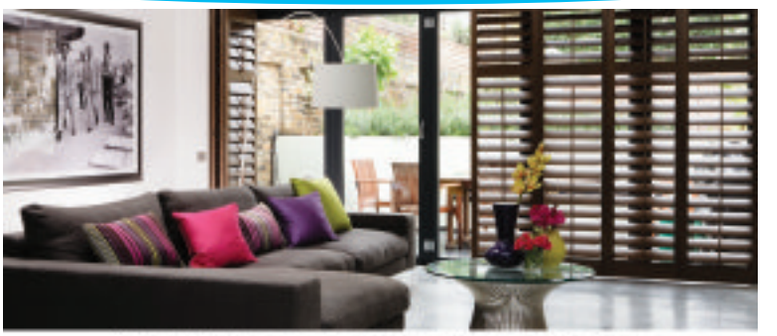

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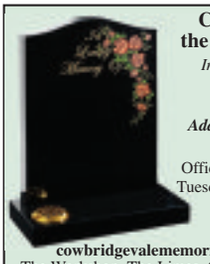
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John will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Independent Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry until his funeral service at the Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 11th September at 2pm. Flowers may be sent to the funeral directors. Enquiries on 01446 733844.

WILTON
John

John Wilton, former youth and community education leader in Barry, passed away on 29 August 2017. Beloved husband to Elaine and much loved dad to Catherine, Daniel and Hannah.

Funeral 11am on Saturday, 9th September at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Barry.

PUNTER
Beti

Peacefully at Milsom House on Monday, 4th September, aged 91 years. Beloved wife of the late Gwilym, adored mother of Geraint, Delyth and Rhodri. Cherished nain to Cathy, Jamie, Tobias, Phoebe, Daisy, Sebastian and great grandchildren.

Beti will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Cremation at Coychurch Crematorium Friday, 15th September at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if desired, to the Alzheimer's Society at the service or c/o Pen Y Bont Funeral Service, Meadow Street, Bridgend, CF31 1HE. Telephone 01656 650831.

SAUNDERS
David M.B.E

Fell asleep peacefully on 26 August 2017, aged 76 years, David of Evelyn Street, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth, dad of Karen, David and Julie. Father-in-law of Roger, Tanya and Dave. Loving grandad to Stuart, Carlton and Conor. Also his best friend, the dog Cuba.

David will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

Requiem Mass on Friday, 15 September at St Helen's R.C. Church, Barry, where family and friends please meet at 11.30am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm. Family flowers only please, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Marie Curie Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

PROBERT
Jean Eleanor (née O'Brien)

Passed away peacefully on 30th August at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Jean, aged 63 years. Beloved wife of Andrew, loving mother of Rhiannon, Ceri-Sian and Rhys. Cherished nan to Isabella, Celyn and Zacharia.

Jean will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Friday, 15th September, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm.

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THWAITE
Gaynor (née Phillips)

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Gaynor will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

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CARVER
Mary Elizabeth

Suddenly but peacefully, Mary, loving wife of the late Gwyn. Much loved sister and Nair to her nieces and nephew.

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Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, 13 September at 10.30am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers may be given to Velindre Appeals, Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff.

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On August 27th, Marrianne, beloved wife of Liam, loving mother to Alexandra, Nicola, Beverly, Vanessa, James and Catherine. Dear sister to Wendy and adored granny and great granny.

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SUTCLIFFE
Harold (Harry)

Peacefully after a long illness, Harold, loving husband of Joyce, much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather.

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Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 14 September at 11am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Alzheimer's Society, 16 Columbus Walk, Brigantine Place, Cardiff, CF10 4BY.

MELBOURNE
Peter Victor

Passed away on 27th August, Peter, devoted husband of Marilyn. Much loved dad of Martina, Cheri, Stephen and Evan. Cherished grampy to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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Funeral service to take place at Cardiff and Glamorgan crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 12th September at 11am. Flowers may be sent to funeral home, Lyndsey Ellis, The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road Barry.

HORSEY
Pauline Janet

Passed away peacefully on September 3rd, beloved wife of Alan. Dearly loved mother of Julian, much loved mother-in-law of Angharad and devoted grandma (Gu) to Seren.

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Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, September 14th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to Cancer Research UK *www.cancerresearchuk.org*.

LANGFORD
Julie Simone

It is with great sadness that the family wish to announce her passing at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth. Julie, well known and loved within Barry, aged 36 years and a cherished mum of Curtis, Morgan and Ashton. Loving daughter to Peter and partner Linda, an adored granddaughter of Frances and the late Peter. Devoted partner to Craig. Much loved sister of Samantha, brother James and step sister Karen. A loving niece of Kimberley, James and Michael and cousin of Jacob.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Julie is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry on Friday, 15th September at 1.30pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Immediate family floral tributes only - donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Julie's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations received to support Cancer Research Wales in memory of Julie. Family request colourful clothing be worn to reflect Julie's inspirational personality.

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Vale Council complete Harbour Road scheme

ABOVE: Vale Council Leader John Thomas is joined by Coun Jonathan Bird, Coun Geoff Cox, and council officers at the newly-opened Harbour Road Causeway.

THE Harbour Road Causeway Scheme has been completed by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, after its final stage saw the car park receive a £250,000 upgrade.

Designed to improve access to the Island for pedestrians and cyclists, the project has seen widespread work take place over a four-year period, initially as part of the Barry Regeneration Programme.

First, access around Friars Point was improved before the Council spent around £1 million to improve traffic flow to the Island by upgrading the road layout at the Ship Inn junction.

Other work has seen the footway widened, railings, lighting and seating refurbished and flood defences enhanced.

The new pedestrian and cycle route connects Old Harbour Road with the rest of the Barry Waterfront network and is already proving popular with walkers, cyclists and runners.

It is part of a sustained period of upgrading work undertaken at Barry Island, which has included significant improvements being made to the Promenade and Gardens.

The development will continue, with the Nell's Point toilet block next in line for some attention.

Coun John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "It's great to see this long-term project reach its conclusion, after an extensive programme of works that has seen access to the Island significantly improved.

"We hope people from the Vale and further afield will come and enjoy this new pedestrian and cycle route. That, in turn, can help promote a more active, healthy lifestyle, which we are committed to offering our residents.

"Barry Island has been transformed in recent years and now stands tall as a coastal resort of the very highest standard."

Hindu community's 'fantastic work' in area wins praise

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies addressed the Shree Swaminarayan Temple's 35th anniversary celebrations.

Members of the Vale's Hindu community and others were joined by South Wales Central regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, last week – to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Shree Swaminarayan Temple in Cardiff.

Since its opening, the Shree Swaminarayan has been at the centre of the Hindu Community in south Wales – and is the first and largest Hindu temple in Wales.

Several events were held over the course of the week to mark the celebrations, and Mr Davies described it as a "huge honour and privilege" to be asked to speak.

The Welsh Tory leader said, "The celebrations to mark the 35th anniversary of the Shree Swaminarayan Temple are of huge significance to the Hindu community in the Vale and across south Wales, and I'm extremely proud to have been asked to play a part in it.

"I spoke with people from areas across south Wales, including Penarth, and it was great to learn more about the fantastic work the community does. This includes considerable charitable efforts, which benefit people across the whole area."

Nostalgic sale at the Dolphin

A sale full of nostalgia got under way at the Dolphin Bar on Barry Island this week.

Dolphin owner, Ian Rogers, is selling arcade equipment, and items from the Dolphin bar, in preparation for its sale to Pleasure Park owner Henry Danter.

It will be a poignant moment when Ian closes the doors of the Dolphin for the final time, and says goodbye to the Pleasure Park site.

He explained: "It's very, very sad to be going, because we once had big plans for the Pleasure Park.

"We wanted to do a big re-vamp, with leisure facilities such as a cinema, 10-pin bowling, and apartments."

Delays in planning had led to potential investment drying up, and after a lease deal to bring temporary rides onto the park, it was purchased by Mr Danter.

Ian said: "The aim is now to get out of here as soon as possible and get things empty."

Among the items for sale at the Dolphin, are arcade machines, such as coin-ops, fruit machines and soft-toy grabbers, along with children's rides and novelty signs. There are also catering items such as cutlery and glasses.

Ian's late father Ken is still fondly remembered in Barry. He purchased the Pleasure Park in 1995.

The Dolphin sale continues daily from 10am – until all the items are sold.

'An assurance as safe as houses?' - *READER*

ALONG with many other Cowbridge residents, I attended the Darren Farm PR exercise held at Cowbridge Town Hall last year.

My concerns about this new housing estate were somewhat alleviated at the time by assurances given by the architect working for the developers that the development would aesthetically be in keeping with the rest of Cowbridge – being finished in random stone and rendered with natural slate-effect roofs.

Indeed, all the illustrations on the display boards in the hall at the time were exactly along these lines.

As a matter of interest, I recently looked up the Phase 1 Darren Farm application on the council's planning portal and clicked on the section entitled Materials and Finishes.

To my dismay, I found that the developers are now requesting permission to build nearly half of Phase 1 in red brick, with either red or grey tiled roofs.

I strongly urge anyone who shares my concerns to email the Vale Council's planning department by Sunday, September 10, quoting planning reference 2017/00841/RES regarding this departure from the information we were given at the meeting.

M Lewis, Cowbridge.

A Taylor Wimpey spokesperson said: "We are in ongoing discussions with Vale Council in regard to the material finishes of the homes at Darren Farm.

"No agreements have yet been made, but all materials will be determined in line with the approved design documents."

Battle of Britain memorial service

A Battle of Britain Act of Remembrance and wreath-laying service will take place this Sunday, September 10.

Please assemble at the Cenotaph, The Memo, Gladstone Road, at 11.45am for 12 noon.

If weather inclement, the service will be held in the chapel of A G Adams Funeralcare.

Royal Air Force Association, Barry branch.

LEGAL ADVICE

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale will hold a legal session at Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

If you are over 50 and need advice about a legal matter (other than criminal law) you can have a chat with a local legal team. This session will be held on Tuesday, September 12 from 10am to 12pm; no appointment is needed.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraethg

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00851/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Creation of a first floor bay window, lowering of an existing window cill and associated alteration work to existing roof pitches
Location:/Lleoliad: Bar 44, 44, High Street, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00689/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Removal of existing ceiling joists to entrance lobby, exposing under side of thatch. Removal of existing decayed floor joists and replacing half the floor area with replacement, exposed joists and floor boards, to create gallery and double height space, exposing under side of thatch
Location:/Lleoliad: The Lodge, Cottrell Park, St. Nicholas
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00758/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: To north wing roof only: - Replacement of poor / defective / sub-standard lead sheet tapering gutters with new single-ply membrane. - Replacement of 5no. existing poor / defective / sub-standard rooflights with new rooflights. - Replacement of poor / defective rainwater downpipe and hopper arrangement at eastern end of tapering gutter. - Timber roof structures beneath the tapering gutters and associated pitched (natural slate finished) roofs will be repaired. All as detailed on application drawings.
Location:/Lleoliad: Ewenny Priory, Abbey Road, Ewenny
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II*

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00763/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Roof repairs / replacement
Location:/Lleoliad: Top and North Lodges, UWC Atlantic College, St. Donats, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00841/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Phase 1 of the development consisting of 169 dwellings with associated access, roads and footpaths, landscaping, public open space and other ancillary works
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at North West Cowbridge
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting St Brynachs Chuch, Grade II* and the Cross Base in churchyard of St Brynachs Church, Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2017/00852/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Alterations to existing gated access to provide 4.2m access with replacement gates and additional railings to existing boundary walls.
Location:/Lleoliad: Cwrt yr Ala House, Michealston le Pit Road, Michealston Le Pit
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Cwrt yr Ala House, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

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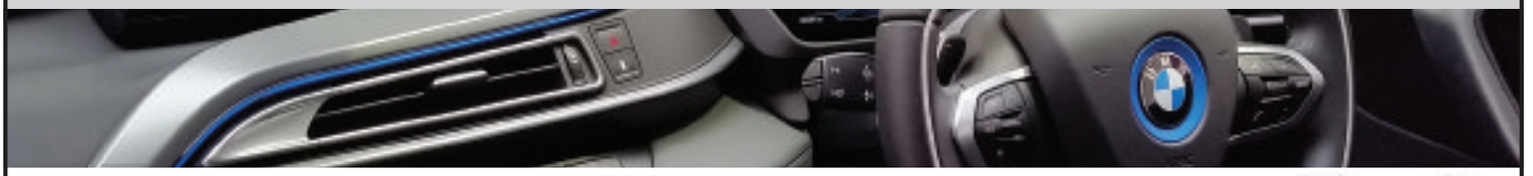

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Butcher Keith carves up the competition

THE monthly meeting for members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday at the very popular Creigiau Golf Club.

Renowned for producing a course in excellent condition and also for its superb catering facilities attracted 42 participants all attempting to win one of the many quality prizes supplied by the days generous sponsor Anthony Brown & Co of Llantwit Major.

The days proceedings were dominated by the very familiar shout of 'fore' reverberating around the course proving a constant reminder that many of those competing were having trouble in avoiding not only the many water hazards but also the magnificent trees that surround the fairways of this well maintained parkland course.

As a result 70 balls failed to make the journey home raising £100 for the Llantwit Major Lifeguards and winning a bottle of whiskey for John Flavell, an Australian friend of former society treasurer Reg Davies.

By contrast, retired master butcher Keith James, vice-captain of the society, avoided the hazards to record a winning score of 37 stableford points with 22 of these being accumulated on the back nine including 9 on the last three holes.

Sponsor Mark Brown with winner Keith James and society captain Ray Thomas.

Runner-up with 35 points was society President Geraint Davies whose failure to score on the closing hole proved costly.

Evergreen Aubrey Bowen playing his third round in four days and despite rampant toothache finished in third place with 32 points just ahead of Gareth Perkins also with 32 points.

The guest's section was won by Carl Brown who returned the highest score of the day with a very impressive 39 points followed by David Vaughan with 38 points.

Nearest the pin on the par-3 holes were Geraint Davies, John Thomas, David Vaughan and veteran John Davies who all returned home with mouth-watering homemade steak pies courtesy of the recently re-opened Golden Mile Restaurant in Corntown.

Wyndham Abbott hit the longest drive down the selected hole to collect the Watts & Morgan sponsored longest drive prize.

Members of the society are now looking forward to their annual tour starting today September 7 to The Forest of Arden in Warwickshire where they will playing 54 holes over three days for the David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd Trophy.

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Vale Senior Football League round-up

IT was mid-week mayhem in the Vale League, with a full fixture list that saw more twists and turns at this very early stage of the season.

The Premier Division was blown wide open already, with teams taking points off each other. Barry Athletic had won their opening two games, but it was Penarth Town who inflicted their first defeat and, in the process, leapfrog Athletic to go top of the league after a 4-3 victory.

FC Barry Belgrade bounced back after their weekend defeat with a 3-1 win away against Rhoose. Island Marine sent Cowbridge Town to the bottom of the league with a 2-1 win, but at this early stage of the season, three points separate top and bottom, highlighting the competitiveness of the league.

In Division One, Sully Sports kept their perfect start to the season intact with a 3-1 derby victory over Cogan Coronation.

Tynewydd secured a big 3-1 win over Cardiff Airport to remain unbeaten, while Cwm Talwg thumped Cadoxton Imps 5-2.

Barry Saints played out a thrilling 4-4 draw with Cadoxton Athletic while Penarth B got their first win of the season in emphatic style with 5-1 victory over SP Billy.

In Division Two, Cadoxton Barry made it three from three as they edged Rhoose B 3-2. Llantwit Major romped to a 5-2 derby win over St Athan B and are the only other side with a one hundred per cent record but played one game less than the leaders.

BRT Dynamos went second with 3-1 triumph over Island Marine while BV conceded eight for the second game in a row as Vale Madrid demolished them 8-1 and finally Barry Albion got their second win on the bounce with a 2-1 away win over Glenbrook.

There are no league fixtures in Wales this weekend due to the Welsh international match, so the Vale League takes a weekend off, returning on September 9. Check back here for the full league round-up.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Pool League round-up

THE Glenbrook Wanderers played their first away game at O'Briens.

It was a match played in good spirit with some great banter from both teams. Man of the match Jones won four out of four while Mags Bartle was unlucky not to have a 100 per cent record going in off the black in her first game.

Nick Taylor also impressed, winning three out of four games and the Wanderers travelled home with a 10-2 win.

For the third week running the Libs were involved in a 7-5 match, losing narrowly to the Castle. The star player for the Libs was James Bestow who won all four of his matches, with Brian Harris and Ralph Miners playing well for the Castle Dark Lords, but their stand-out player was again Gavin Rowlands who continues to play a positive potting game - well done.

Millwood Potjacks entertained the Ship Hotel who quickly sailed into a 3-1 lead; the first pairs were shared one each and things appeared to be on an even keel.

The Ship soon drifted out of sight winning the next round of singles 3-1 to lead the match 7-3.

The final pairs were again shared and a deserved 8-4 win for the Ship.

A special mention for Graham Avient who in frame nine broke and dished. Both captains reporting a great evening of pool, good company and good banter.

The Witchill Whackers, captained by county captain James Hill, beat their pub rivals Witchill Wrong'uns 8-4 with county players Jamie Stanton, Steve Watkins and Ceri Morris shining for the Whackers.

The stand-out players for the Wrong'uns were Paul Everest and Lawrence Klee. The Whackers lead the table and are now favourites to win the league.

Finnegans hosted Billy United over the Island. The Billy started brightly and took a 3-0 lead and then found themselves 6-1 up.

What happened next was truly remarkable; Kane Grindley, Ian Doel and Harry Asprou would win the next three singles matches, with Spencer Beard and Grindley winning the first pairs to make the score 6-5, what a comeback!

Les Ashton and Gary Roberts would win the last frame and give the Billy a 7-5 win.

In Cadoxton the King William IV would outplay the Borough winning 9-3 with Neil Tipples again man of the match with Geoff Froud again performing well to win three out of four matches. The Borough's standout player was again Sara Hayles.

The Barry Islanders county side have their last home league game of the season against the youthful Carmarthen team the Dragons Kiss, with promotion almost assured with a home win.

Captain James Hill can then look forward and plan their County Cup away match against Pembrokeshire Black Widows, a two hour drive to Haverfordwest to enjoy.

Win that game and they are through to finals day. What a first season for James and the team.

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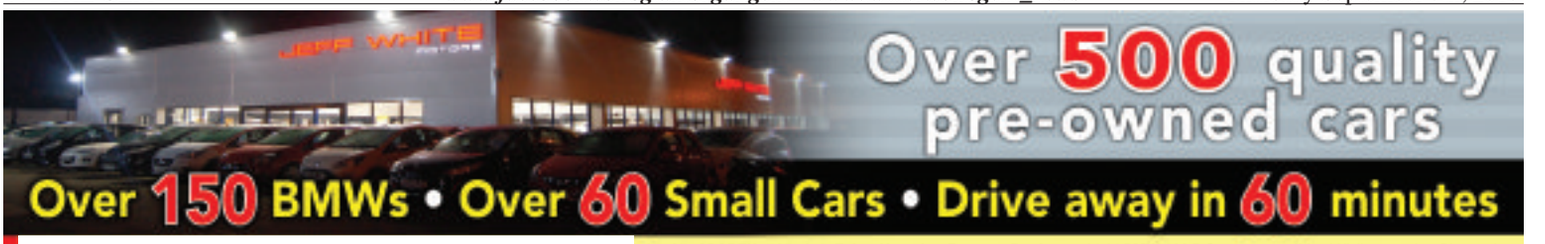

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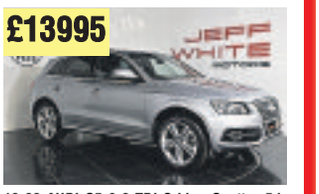

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Cowbridge RFC kick off season with away win

COWBRIDGE RFC kicked off the new season with an away trip to Wattstown and, as expected, faced strong opposition.

Cowbridge settled quickly, and with the forwards winning a steady stream of possession and controlling the phases well, the backs stretched the home defence at every opportunity.

Ashford Thomas showed good strength to break clear on the halfway and take play up to the home try line, but a lack of close support and a good scramble defence saw Wattstown clear their lines.

The home pack put some decent phases together themselves and were awarded a penalty on eight minutes, which they failed to convert from 35 metres.

Ben Wright then cut through the defence on a kick return and raced through to within five metres but again a lack of support saw a golden opportunity wasted.

Cowbridge maintained the pressure but following a cleverly executed lineout move, Wattstown were awarded a penalty, which let them clear their line once again. The home pack began taking the game to Cowbridge, but grew more frustrated when faced with a determined defence, which saw them giving up possession with a couple of turnovers.

This frustration soon boiled over and saw their prop red carded for throwing a flurry of punches, but being a man down seemed to galvanise the home team and they were rewarded with a try on the half hour, with their second row crashing over from short range. This was duly converted for a 7-0 lead.

An increasingly tough encounter saw a few Cowbridge injury and blood replacements but following some good phases of play, scrum-half Hywel Williams broke through the defence from 40 metres and he fed inside to back row Joe Davies, who raced clear to score. Ben Wright added the extras to tie the scores after a bruising 35 minutes. Cowbridge finished the half strongly with the pack applying more pressure on the home scrum and from the resulting turnover Freddie Harries broke through and good handling saw Zac Summerhayes racing to the corner only be be stopped with an outstanding tackle.

Unfortunately, despite applying continual pressure, Cowbridge failed to take advantage and finish the job. They started the second half in similar style and Tom James crashed over from five metres following good pressure, much to the delight of his proud father, with Wright converting to make it 14-7 after 45 minutes.

Unfortunately, rather than Cowbridge taking advantage of superior numbers, the game became very scrappy for long periods and Cowbridge failed to take a couple of good opportunities to kill off the home side, who to their credit, started to create some chances for themselves through their forwards, who were led well by their No 8.

A timely turnover by Dan Holder on his own line prevented a Wattstown try, with just five minutes of normal time remaining. Cowbridge then worked their way back up the pitch, and finally sealed the game when scrum half Williams gathered an overthrown line out to feed Tom Harrison, who cut a good angle and jinked over from 25 metres – to secure victory at 19-7.

The referee then added eight minutes of injury time which descended into a farce, with high tackles and late hits resulting in Wattstown being issued with two yellow cards for foul play, and Cowbridge picking up one for a technical offence.

This was a tough encounter and a good win for a young Cowbridge side who to their credit didn't take a backwards step all game.

This should stand them in good stead for their next game against local rivals Llantwit Major who themselves got the season off to a winning start. The youth are away at St Peters.

RV

The season that got away from the firsts

THE cricket season that has just passed will be remembered for some extra-ordinary hap-penings, some real progress in many areas, but ultimate disappointment that Cowbridge firsts are still seeking a place in the Premier League.

Early in the season there were signs that might have suggested it could be Cowbridge's year. A successful chase to get in excess of 300 against Gorseinon and a victory against subsequent champions Llanelli where the visitors lost their last five wickets for just 16 runs with only 26 needed were notable.

However, perhaps it was the way the young seam attack controlled the Aberdare run chase spoke for the way the team was developing.

Then came July and the optimism was doused by bad weather. Two matches were lost to the elements when others played and rain interruptions against Merthyr handed them a huge tactical advantage which they took.

Then came the game at Gorseinon with the unprecedented incidents which led to defeat. By the end of the month thoughts of promotion had passed.

As it happened August saw a couple of fine wins but three weeks from the finish it was clear that Cowbridge were destined to finish up in mid table.

However some of the individual performances were extraordinary. The runs came from the old school pals Ben Wright (847 at 60) and Tom Merilaht (783 at 87). Both scored hundreds and set records but Ben's 217 not out at Briton Ferry Steel and Tom's 121 not out against Gorseinon will live longest in the memories of those privileged to watch them.

With the ball Rian Thomas and Sam Russell took 18 and 15 wickets respectively and Nick Wood performed consistently throughout the season and might have been rewarded by taking more than the 13 wickets he took and added experience and quality to the middle order.

The emergence of Heath Webb was also a major plus as the youngest member of the seam attack claimed eight wickets but never looked out of place.

The brotherly combination of wicket keeper Matt and bowler Tom Harper was also invaluable. Matt's diving catch at Aberdare and Tom's brilliant effort to start the Llanelli rot were out of the top drawer. Another who was a great team man who never gave less than 100 per cent was Joe Russell.

The captain, Chris Willey, also enjoyed a good season. Leading with a relaxed but clear minded style Chris has assumed the leadership of the first XI with aplomb.

Chris proved himself adept at juggling his bowlers as the 10-over limit created difficult choices as to who should bowl when Chris's season with the bat was a success too.

Finally a big thank you to Hugh Williams, the club's chairman who spent many hours tending the square assisted by Jamie Miller.

Finally the lads also owe a great debt to Sara Russell who in so many ways is the heartbeat of the club. Not just as a scorer of singular accuracy, the first XI relies on Sara in so many ways. This small support group is a vital component and the lads are very lucky to have them do so much for them.

The reports during the season have referred to the advances to the environment around the club. The new benches and shed are examples of a policy of improvements but the most visually striking will be the return of the refurbished Fred Dunn Memorial Gates.

These will be 're-opened' on September 29 with a morning of talks in the pavilion, and a service of dedication of the new memorial to those members who died in conflict. More will be written about this event nearer the date.

JRB

Vale CC finish season on a high

VALE CC first XI finished the season with back-to-back home victories securing fourth position in the league.

This is a big improvement from last season where the side battled for survival in the Thomas Carrol third division.

Captain JP Davies won the toss yet again and chose to bat on a good-looking track. Vale mixed the order for their final game of the season and were very disappointed to have capitulated to a pitiful 151 all out.

There was firm resistance from James Snelson who was promoted to the number three position as he steadied the Vale ship with a well-constructed 50.

Other than Snelson's innings (57) there were few highlights in Vale's batting performance. Notable contributions came from Scott McCutcheon (23) and Matthew Thomas (22).

Asif was the pick of the Pontymister bowlers taking an impressive five wickets but Vale were generous in the way they played him and ultimately should not have given him the honour of achieving this bowling landmark.

A neutral would certainly have enjoyed Asif's final over as he took four wickets for only one run. Vale concluded at 153 all out.

After tea, supplied by Vale Catering, Vale CC received some stern words from their captain encouraging them to ensure that their bowling display out-performed their batting efforts.

Vale openers Alex Upham and Scott McCutcheon bowled aggressively with pace and accuracy. McCutcheon beat the bat many times and was unlucky not to get a wicket in his opening spell.

Young Alex Upham showed his promise as he took the first wicket with the ball of the season as he produced an inswinger that tapped the off stump leaving his victim perplexed.

Roy Cheeseman was the pick of the Vale bowlers as he took 4-24, bowling with consistency as well as the odd bit of turn.

Other wickets were shared between Tom Williams, Alex Davidson and Scott McCutcheon. Backed up by keen fielding and good catching, the visitors were dismissed for 110 in the 38th over.

HW

THE seconds visited Pontymister, and an almost mirror image of the firsts' performance played out on a lovely day.

The wicket was firm (although the outfield way too long) and skipper Carl Brooks had no hesitation in batting first when he won the toss.

Paul Sheppard and new opener Gareth Kelland (promoted following his excellent 92 last week) did the hard work of seeing off good opening spells and adding 42 before both surrendered rather meekly, having seen off the impressive Luke Short.

Poor shot selection and execution continued until Gethin Merry joined Darren Upham, and played really well before running himself out for a well-crafted 24.

Upham continued to build steadily, before exploding with two sixes, before being bowled for 49 to a shot he would rather forget.

The rest of the innings folded tamely to 143 all out, leaving skipper Brooks fuming and stranded, batting at 11 with more than two overs left.

The skipper's grumpiness seemed to have an effect, as Vale came out after tea and bowled and fielded with focus and intensity.

Two excellent catches by Sheppard and Mark Francis exemplified this, but highlight of the day was an absolute stunner taken by Chris Haskins at point, diving forward, full-length, to grab a firm shot one-handed millimetres from the ground.

Merry was the bowler for this wicket and he proceeded to claim a further three, ending a great all-round season with 4-25.

Upham bowled really well to take 3-13, Glyn Jones was miserly (0-8 off 8) and Jake McNaughton got rid of the dangerous Short for 38 and the Pontymister and Cross Keys innings subsided to 98 all out.

So Vale seconds emulated the senior side, finishing a creditable fourth in the league and the prospects for next season look good.

Vale CC finished the season in style with club members both playing and non-playing enjoyed a fantastic curry evening organised by diligent and much appreciated chairman Gareth.

Vale CC would like to thank all members, sponsors, volunteers and opposition for a wonderful season that has been played in a competitive spirit inspired by a desire to play fairly and uphold the values and lessons cricket teaches.

CB

The Llantwit reserves defeat local derby rivals

LLANTWIT MAJOR reserves came out victorious in a tough battle against a strong St Athan B side.

With St Athan 1st team not having a fixture many of their players became available to cause the Major problems, they did just that within 30 seconds with a quick goal. Five minutes later, it was 2-0 to the Saints as the long ball caused problems.

Chris Vinson soon got Llantwit on the scoresheet with a burst on the wing, to slot the ball around the stranded keeper. Llantwit then levelled the score, making it 2-2 – Andy Shaw calmly passing the ball in the net after selling the keeper the other way.

Llantwit, with their tails up, started to dominate the game with numerous chances pestering the Saints' keeper. Finally they took the lead after another Gethin Jennings' screamer, which confirmed the remarkable comeback from being 2-0 down.

Before half time, the front two of Max Morgan and Rob Kemp, helped the Major create chances – with Shaw doubling his tally as the defence were unable to withstand this Major pressure.

Halftime saw St Athan fight back, to press Llantwit on the ball, while piling pressure on their defence. Phill Grafton helped the Major keep their two-goal lead with important challenges, to break up play in front of the back four.

With Llantwit keeping it tight at the back, they were able to counter anything that the Saints had to offer with three 1v1s which went wide. Finally, Llantwit got the well deserved fifth, Sam Mawhinney putting Chris Vinson through yet again, to send the Major away with a comfortable win.

End result: St Athan 2, Llantwit Major Reserves 5.

Team: Davies, Tracey, Coyle, Cutter, Garrett, Vinson (2), Jennings (1), Grafton, Shaw (2), Kemp, Morgan.

Subs: Mawhinney, Pilcher, Callard, Kempson, Dawson.

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COWBRIDGE DARTS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

ON Tuesday, September 5, the 2017-18 season of the Cowbridge Darts League got underway, and results will be reported in next week's GEM.

This year the number of teams has increased again and we now have 11 teams competing, hosted by eight pubs.

The venues are Edmondes Arms, Cowbridge; Farmers Arms, Aberthin; Llanharry Working Men's Club, Llanharry; Highwayman Inn, Nurston; Six Bells Inn, Penmark; Red Lion, Bonvilston; the Victoria Inn, Sigingstone and new hosts this season the '1 Town Hall Square', Cowbridge (hosting a team new to the Cowbridge Darts League).

Ideally, the league would like to have an even number of teams, so we would like to add a 12th team.

If you would like to enrol a team for this season, or believe you know someone who would, please get in touch as soon as possible - we have until mid-September to fold in another team.

Next week, Tuesday September 12, we have another full programme of league fixtures.

The Edmondes A hosts the Highwayman Inn, the Farmers Arms hosts the Hairy Farmers, the Red Lion Inn hosts the Edmondes B and the Victoria Inn hosts Llanharry. The Edmondes C become the first team to hosts and play the 1 Town Hall Square. The Six Bells Inn have a bye.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information email Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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Under-12 rugby players adapt superbly

COWBRIDGE RCF under-12s had their first taste of 15-a-side rugby, travelling to Cwmafan RFC.

The pre-season training showed and the squad soon adapted to the full-sided game and larger pitch.

The cobwebs were fully blown from the summer break with early dominance in all areas of the game.

The power of the Cowbridge forwards eventually told with Ioan Phillips driving over from some fine handling around the pack.

With the momentum building an exquisitely timed pass by James Collingridge set Harry New into stride who ran in. Continual pressure from Cowbridge was rewarded with a penalty try awarded for Paddy Whitestone being tackled off the ball.

This was soon to be added to with some fine handling along the back line finding Joe Davies with a weaving run to score in the corner. The hosts managed to pull back a try just before half-time with some strong running lines.

Cowbridge continued their dominance in the pack following the restart with the platform secured for the ball to work through the backs and Will Brennan breaking stride to run over the fourth from open play.

With the larger pitch starting to play its part, the latter end of the game saw Cowbridge's fitness tell and some well-worked team tries with Ben Stephenson, Harry New, James Lord and Ollie Stancombe the beneficiaries.

As in the first half, the hosts managed to secure a try of their own. James Collingridge added four conversions for the game bringing the final score to 55-10, a great start to the season.

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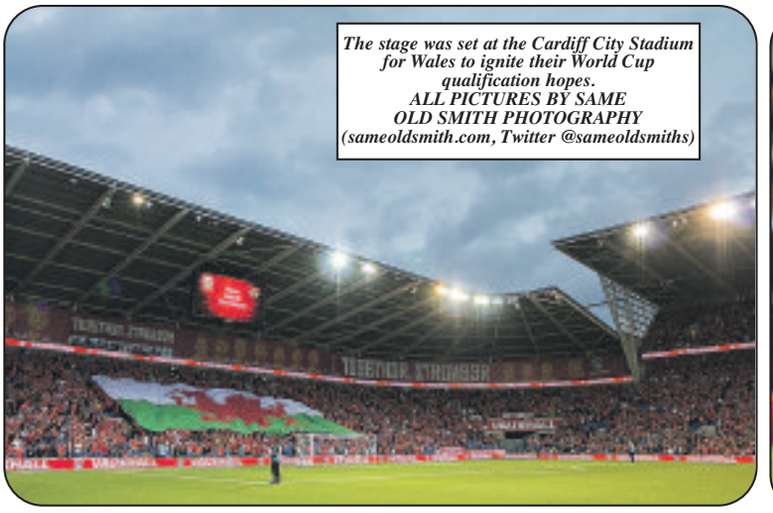
TWO GAMES, TWO WINS... WALES BACK ON TRACK!

Woodburn's magic ignites Wales' World Cup hopes



The stage was set at the Cardiff City Stadium for Wales to ignite their World Cup qualification hopes. ALL PICTURES BY SAME OLD SMITH PHOTOGRAPHY (sameoldsmith.com, Twitter @sameoldsmiths)

by GARETH JAMIESON

BACK in June, after a battling, Gareth Bale-less, Welsh side earned a hard-fought point in Serbia, the mood was less of celebration and more one of contrition.

Yes, travelling to the group's leaders and coming back with a draw, especially when you're without your talismanic attacking force, was a superb result, but when it's your fifth draw in six games, and you're still adrift of the top two in your qualifying group, then the positives feel a little less satisfying.

It all meant that September's double header of fixtures, at home against Austria and away to Moldova, took on the air of 'last-chance saloon'.

Failure to take maximum points from these two games, regardless of events elsewhere, would almost certainly mean the end of Welsh World Cup hopes; six points from six points, however, and the light at the end of the Group D tunnel would be that much brighter.

After Tuesday night the group looked even better than most would have expected, Wales' two wins coupled with the Republic of Ireland taking one point from their two games meant Chris Coleman's team now sit in second place with two games to go, the last one being against Ireland at home, their fate now squarely in their own hands.

The turnaround started Saturday night, in front of yet another bumper crowd at the Cardiff City Stadium, with Wales, boosted by the Republic of Ireland's draw against Georgia, knowing a win would get them to within two points of Martin O'Neill's second-placed team, and their own qualifying campaign back on the right track.

If they began with the fervour and passion of a team determined to hit the ground running then they were soon pegged back by Austria's ability to control possession and dictate the game.

Threatening, albeit from distance, the visitors saw several chances spurned, the best falling to Arnautovich who should have done far better with his opportunity, and it was Chris Coleman's men who were the more relieved to go in at half-time level.

Needing a better foothold in the game, Coleman changed from the 3-5-2-1 formation that had seen Sam Vokes toiling up front, and changed to a more direct 4-3-3, Jazz Richards being sacrificed for Andy King, who would bring stability to the midfield and allow Bale and Tom Lawrence more opportunity to get forward, the absence, through suspension, of Joe Allen to break up Austria's monopoly of possession more than apparent.

The formation change gave Wales a boost, but the pivotal moment of the game – and maybe the campaign – came in the 69th minute, as Vokes and Lawrence were replaced by Hal Robson-Kanu and Liverpool youngster Ben Woodburn, making his Welsh debut.

Aaron Ramsey was in the thick of it for Wales against Austria.

It's too early to say a superstar is born, but 17-year-old Ben Woodburn was the catalyst for Wales' two wins, pictured here scoring, and then celebrating, his goal against Austria.

If the effort and will to win was exemplified by Bale's last-ditch tackle as an Austrian attacker bore down on goal, then just minutes later it shone through from the stand to the pitch.

The singing of the Welsh national anthem during the game began in that incredible 1-0 win against Belgium two years ago, a way to motivate and raise the flagging spirits of the players, and as it echoed around the stadium the ball fell to the feet of 17-year-old Woodburn.

Showing composure and awareness that belies both his age and experience, Woodburn looked up and struck the ball cleanly with his right boot, the ball flying past Austrian keeper Lindner into the back of the net, and sending Wales into absolute raptures.

Coleman's faith in the boldness of Woodburn's youth paid dividends, and if Austria fancied their chances of pegging Wales back, then they were given short shrift by the team's defensive effort.

In fact it was Wales who should have comfortable put the game to bed, Robson-Kanu selfishly blasting over when Bale was free and unmarked, before hitting the post with another effort, and Bale was denied as his outrageous overhead kick was saved by Lindner.

It wasn't always pretty, and certainly not easy, but it was a vital and important win, one that set up the trip to Moldova on Tuesday night.

Wales had never previously won in Moldova, a statistic that proved sobering to those still high on the fervour of Saturday, and were certainly not going to be in for an easy ride from the hosts.

In fact, much like Saturday night Wales huffed and puffed at the Moldovan defence only for the final ball or shot to be laking in quality.

Moldova, for their supposed minnow status, had a few opportunities of their own but the scoreline, much like Friday, was 0-0 at half-time. While some fans would boo their team off were they goalless against a smaller nation, the mood seemed to be one of optimism, that the breakthrough was coming, yet the second half again saw Wales get themselves in good positions only to waste the final effort.

It was the arrival of Woodburn again that seemed to galvanise the team, the space that Gareth Bale so frequently used to exploit being given to the teenager, and his run down the left wing with 10 minutes to go was followed by an inviting ball into the box.

It wasn't the cleanest header Hal Robson-Kanu is ever likely to make, but it did the job, beating the Moldovan keeper and easing Welsh nerves.

Aaron Ramsey's deflected effort added the cherry on top in injury time, the 2-0 win hardly vintage but it did the job, and, crucially, with Serbia beating the Republic of Ireland in Dublin to seemingly ensure top spot, allowed Wales to leapfrog the Irish into second place going into the final round of games.

With Wales currently the worst second-placed team of the groups, at least four points will be needed from the last two games to both ensure second place and, hopefully, be one of the eight teams that contest the play-offs for the World Cup finals.

Top spot isn't out of the question, but with Serbia requiring a win from their last two games it's likely to be the play-offs should Wales do what they need to.

The two wins have injected a new sense of positivity amongst the squad and the public, knowing that their fate is in their own hands, something that Coleman would likely have taken at the start of the qualifying group, and probably would have bit your hand off had it been offered in June!

Also the emergence of Ben Woodburn has been a huge fillip, the youngster still in the very early stages of his career but who has shown flashes of brilliance in the opportunities he's had, the catalyst, arguably, for these two fine results.

While the over-the-top praise that has been excitedly handed out has been a little too much, there is no doubt that if managed correctly Woodburn will be a huge force for club and country going forward, and has certainly put his name in the hat for next month's crucial double-header.

Wales' World Cup fate lays squarely in their own hands now, the door to Russia a little bit more ajar – let the nail-biting commence!